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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6       **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
7       ATTENDANCE TODAY AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS  
8       ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
9       COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE SERGEANT  
10      AT ARMS ARE IN PLACE. WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS TO CONDUCT AND WE  
11      BEGIN WITH OUR INVOCATION AT THE INVITATION OF THE FOURTH  
12      DISTRICT, AND OUR PLEDGE VETERAN, AT THE INVITATION OF OUR  
13      THIRD DISTRICT. AND WE WISH TO HAVE A PRESENTATION  
14      ACCORDINGLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE INVOCATION. IF YOU WOULD  
15      PLEASE RISE.

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17     **PASTOR CARL KROMMINGA:** LET US PRAY. GOD OF THE NATION, WE  
18     THANK YOU FOR OUR NATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND  
19     ESPECIALLY FOR THE LIBERTIES AND THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY,  
20     BLESSINGS FOR WHICH MANY HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES. WE THANK  
21     YOU FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES TODAY  
22     TO DEFEND OUR LIBERTY AND SECURITY. PROTECT THEM, WE PRAY.  
23     THANK YOU FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE LEADERSHIP THEY  
24     PROVIDE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. GIVE THEM A SPIRIT OF WISDOM  
25     AND A DEEP COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE. HELP THEM WORK FOR THE PEACE



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1 AND THE SECURITY OF ALL WHO LIVE IN THE CITY. MAY THEY DEFEND  
2 THE CAUSE OF THE WEAK, THE POOR, THE DISABLED, CHILDREN AND  
3 IMMIGRANTS. GIVE THEM A PASSION TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT SO THAT  
4 ALL WHOM THEY SERVE MAY THRIVE. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF THE  
5 ONE WHO SACRIFICED HIS LIFE SO THAT WE MAY LIVE, AMEN.

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7 **HY ARNESTY:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND,  
8 VETERANS SALUTE, AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF  
9 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
12 PLEASE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S  
15 MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO  
16 PASTOR CARL KROMMINGA FOR GIVING US THE INVOCATION THIS  
17 MORNING. HE HAS BEEN A PASTOR IN THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
18 FOR 35 YEARS. ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO HE MOVED TO NORTH LONG BEACH  
19 WITH HIS FAMILY TO START A CHURCH. TODAY ABOUT 200 PEOPLE ARE  
20 PART OF THIS MULTIETHNIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH KNOWN AS NEW CITY  
21 CHURCH. HE'S MARRIED TO SANDY. THEY HAVE FIVE ADULT CHILDREN.  
22 PASTOR, WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD  
23 US IN THE INVOCATION AND WE WISH YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

2    SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE.

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WERE HONORED TO BE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF  
5    ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY AN OLD FRIEND, HY ARNESTY WHO  
6    SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED  
7    STATES ARMY FROM 1943 TO '46 AND FROM '49 TO '52, TWO WORLD  
8    WARS, WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN CONFLICT, SERVED IN THE 25TH  
9    INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE PACIFIC THEATER DURING WORLD WAR II.  
10    HE IS REPRESENTING THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST NUMBER 113  
11    THROUGH 118 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE'S A POST COMMANDER. HY IS  
12    A VOLUNTEER AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES V.A. HOSPITAL. HE'S A  
13    RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT FOR 78 YEARS. GRADUATE OF FAIRFAX  
14    HIGH SCHOOL A COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE ME.

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16    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND ME.

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18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT  
19    HAVE BEEN CLOSER TO HIM THAN I WAS. CLASS OF '28. 2028, YES.  
20    AND SIGNIFICANTLY, IN 2011, HY WAS HONORED AS VETERAN OF THE  
21    YEAR AT THE U.C.L.A. GAME AT THE ROSE BOWL, SINGULAR HONOR  
22    WHICH WE WERE ALL PROUD OF YOU FOR GETTING. SO, HY, THANK YOU  
23    VERY MUCH AGAIN FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND  
24    THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND YOUR  
25    FRIENDSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK OUR PLEDGE VETERAN. WE  
3 THANK OUR PASTOR FOR THE INVOCATION, AND WE THANK SUPERVISOR  
4 YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR KNABE. THEREFORE WE WILL MOVE WITH  
5 THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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7 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
8 BOARD.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GREETINGS.

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12 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** WE'LL START THE AGENDA ON PAGE THREE. AGENDA  
13 FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON  
14 ITEM 1-D, WE WILL NEED TO HOLD THIS ITEM IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
15 THE PUBLIC HEARING AS IT RELATES TO ITEM 1-H AND NUMBER 4. ON  
16 PAGE SEVEN, FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
17 AUTHORITY, THIS ITEM WILL ALSO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
18 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 4. ON PAGE EIGHT, PUBLIC HEARINGS,  
19 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 7, THESE ITEMS  
20 WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON ITEM NUMBER 7, THE DE  
21 NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R2012-01612, CONDITIONAL USE  
22 PERMIT NUMBER 2012-00087, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS  
23 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 25, 2013.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.



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2 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON PAGE 12, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM 10, THERE'S A MEMBER  
4 OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE  
5 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
8 KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. SEEING NO  
9 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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11 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 14 THROUGH  
12 17. ON ITEM 16 AND 17, THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
13 HAVE REQUESTED THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE  
14 BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
17 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES AND SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. SEEING NO  
18 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** AND ON PAGE 18, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION ON  
21 MAY 28, THESE ITEMS WERE TAKEN OFF THE CALENDAR FOR THE  
22 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD AND WERE HEARD AT THE SPECIAL  
23 MEETING THIS MORNING AT 11:30. ALSO ON THESE ITEMS, A MEMBER  
24 OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE HELD. MR. CHAIRMAN,





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1 THIS COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO  
5 DISTRICT 3 WITH REGARD TO SPECIALS AT THIS POINT IN LIGHT OF  
6 THE FACT THAT NO PRESENTATIONS OTHERWISE. SUPERVISOR  
7 ANTONOVICH, YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS? ALL RIGHT. THOSE ARE THE  
8 ONLY PRESENTATIONS TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A 12-WEEK OLD MULTIPOO LOOKING FOR A  
11 HOME. HER NAME IS SUMMER. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HER,  
12 YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT SATISFIES THE  
15 PRESENTATIONS FOR TODAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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17 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF YOU'D LIKE, WE CAN TAKE UP  
18 THE ITEMS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ARE HOLDING.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED.

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22 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** ALSO, I'D LIKE TO HAVE NUMBER 7 RECONSIDERED  
23 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO ALSO DISCUSS?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO WE'LL CALL  
2    ON ERIC PREVEN, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS, IF YOU  
3    WOULD COME FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE ITEMS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED.  
4    MR. PREVEN.

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6    **ERIC PREVEN:** SIR, THE CLOSED SESSION, THAT IS MEANT TO BE  
7    ADDRESSED AS YOU COME OUT. AS YOU KNOW I WAS HERE.

8

9    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. PREVEN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE  
10    HEARD ON THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US THAT YOU SIGNED UP FOR  
11    AT THIS POINT IN TIME?

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13    **ERIC PREVEN:** I THINK I UNDERSTAND YOUR MANEUVER, SIR. YOU'RE  
14    INCLUDING MY COMMENTS ON THE CLOSED SESSION WILL BE LUMPED IN  
15    WITH MY OTHER ITEMS?

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17    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SIGNED UP FOR 10, 16 --

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19    **ERIC PREVEN:** I KNOW WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR.

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21    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 17, CS-1, CS-2, CS-3, CS-4 AND  
22    YOUR TIME IS CLICKING, MR. PREVEN. WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** MY PLEASURE IS THE BROWN ACT WHICH REQUIRES  
2 MEMBERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM  
3 BEFORE OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER. I'M GOING TO GET ON WITH IT.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 2:29, 2:28.

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** I APPRECIATE THAT. VERY FUNNY. SO THE CLOSED  
8 SESSION ITEM IS, THIS WAS A SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION AT  
9 11 A.M. WHICH IS YET ANOTHER PERMUTATION OF WHAT I WOULD  
10 DESCRIBE AS THE CLOSED SESSION PROBLEM DOWN HERE AT THE BOARD  
11 OF SUPERVISORS. WE CAN'T KEEP TRACK IF YOU HAVE THE MEETINGS  
12 BEFORE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WHICH YOU'VE DONE A  
13 COUPLE OF TIMES. MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IT'S A LIBERAL  
14 INTERPRETATION OF THE BROWN ACT. AND I CERTAINLY FEEL THAT  
15 IT'S AN EFFORT TO THROW THE PUBLIC OFF THE SCENT. IT'S  
16 INAPPROPRIATE. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CHANGE  
17 THAT PRACTICE.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT DO YOU HAVE AGAINST  
20 LIBERALISM, MR. PREVEN?

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22 **ERIC PREVEN:** SIR, YOU KEEP INTERRUPTING. GIVE ME BACK 30  
23 SECONDS. I INSIST. LORAYNE, HE SAID DO IT. COME ON. ALL RIGHT,  
24 LORAYNE, HIT THE BUTTON, 30 SECONDS. ALL RIGHT. DO YOU KNOW  
25 WHAT? THIS IS VERY, VERY BAD. IT'S NOT FUNNY, EITHER. OKAY. 1-



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1 D IS THE FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OUTLOOK.  
2 IT'S REALLY ONE YEAR. THEY'RE GATHERING APPROXIMATELY 21  
3 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDING AND THEN THEY'RE SCOOPING 4  
4 MILLION INTO THEIR COFFERS. AND THIS IS WHERE I HAVE SOME  
5 ISSUES. I ALSO HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH THE WAY THEY DO THEIR  
6 R.F.P.S, THEY ADMIT THEY DON'T EVEN DO R.F.P.S HALF THE TIME.  
7 AS MAYOR ANTONOVICH WILL CONFIRM, THEY DO SOMETHING CALLED  
8 R.F.Q.S WHICH ARE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS. AND THEN THEY  
9 DECIDE INTERNALLY THROUGH A VERY CLOSED, NICE LITTLE PANEL.  
10 UNFORTUNATELY THAT PROCESS WE'VE SEEN, AS MAYOR ANTONOVICH  
11 HELPED SHINED A TEENY BIT OF LIGHT ON. HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY PUT  
12 HIS LIGHT AWAY. BUT THE ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR PROBLEM THAT  
13 CAME UP IN THIS DEPARTMENT WHEREBY, I KNOW IT'S FUNNY. IT'S  
14 THE LARGEST RENTAL CAR COMPANY IN AMERICA PROVIDING THE FLEET  
15 OF RENTAL CARS TO OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THAT  
16 RAISED A FEW RED FLAGS WHEN WE LEARNED NO OTHER BIDDERS WERE  
17 REALLY ENTERTAINED. THAT IS A SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM. ITEM NUMBER  
18 1 IS THE SEWER, WAIT. ARE WE GOING THROUGH ALL THESE PUBLIC  
19 HEARINGS? OR THOSE ARE GOING TO BE CALLED SEPARATELY? THEY  
20 WILL BE CALLED SEPARATE, OKAY. SO THAT WAS 1-D AND 1-H. ITEM  
21 16 AND 17 ARE THE TWO THAT ARE NOT-- ITEM 10 I'LL ADDRESS VERY  
22 BRIEFLY IS A PARKING GRANT WHICH WE ALL SUPPORT, LOVE FREE  
23 PARKING. BUT MISS WATANABE HAS GOT TO REPORT BACK ON THE  
24 MALIBU NAUTICA TRIATHLON. WE'VE ASKED TWO YEARS RUNNING. WE'RE  
25 HAPPY TO GIVE A HUNDRED THOUSAND AWAY TO THE CHILDREN'S



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1 HOSPITAL, BUT OUT OF WHAT SIZE PIECE OF PIE? AND THAT NEEDS TO  
2 BE ADDRESSED. WENDY WATANABE HAS GOT HER CONTROLLER. SHE IS A  
3 GOOD EGG, MR. FUJIOKA WILL CONFIRM THAT. SHE NEEDS TO SHOW US  
4 THE NUMBERS. WE'VE ASKED NOW FOR THREE YEARS RUNNING.  
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS NOT YET GIVEN THAT GIFT, BUT HE  
6 WILL GIVE THAT GIFT SOON. OKAY. AND THAT CONCLUDES ITEM 17,  
7 THAT WAS ITEM NUMBER 10. ITEM NUMBER 17 IS SECURITAS. IT'S A  
8 SECURITY FIRM WE'VE USED BEFORE. THEY'RE A CREDIBLE OUTFIT. WE  
9 ARE EXTENDING BY THREE MONTHS THEIR TERM IN SOME SHERIFFS AND  
10 COURTHOUSES, BUT THE PROBLEM REALLY SPEAKS, THE PROBLEM FOR ME  
11 IS THE ISSUE OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING. THERE IS A SERIOUS,  
12 SERIOUS PROBLEM DOWN HERE AT COUNTY HALL WITH OUR COMPETITIVE  
13 BIDDING SYSTEMS, OUR R.F.P.S AND THE LIKE. ELECTRONIC  
14 MONITORING IS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE. AND THIS SECURITY IS  
15 ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE. AND WHY THIS WAS NOT DEALT WITH IN A  
16 TIMELY MANNER, WHY NONE OF THESE CONTRACTS WITH LARGE FIRMS  
17 ARE DEALT WITH IN A TIMELY MANNER BAFFLES THOSE OF US IN THE  
18 PUBLIC WHO ARE PAYING ATTENTION. AND WE'VE HEARD VARIOUS  
19 SUPERVISORS THROW THEIR HANDS UP IN THE AIR AND GO WHAT'S  
20 GOING ON? WELL, WHAT IS GOING ON?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL.

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3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TAKE NOTE OF THE EXTENDED TIME  
4    YOU WERE AFFORDED.

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6    **ERIC PREVEN:** I'VE TAKEN NOTE, THANK YOU.

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8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS  
9    APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

10

11    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISOR,  
12    DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 16 WHICH IS THE ONLY ITEM I  
13    HAVE HELD TODAY, YOU KNOW, IT'S CONCERNING, FIRST OF ALL, IT'S  
14    A SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT, AND YOU KNOW I'M ALLERGIC TO SOLE-  
15    VENDOR CONTRACTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WHEN I SEE  
16    THAT THE COMPANY WE ARE HAVING THE SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS,  
17    WE'VE -- WE WENT FROM 1,000,250 TO 2,000,500, ALMOST DOUBLING  
18    THEIR CONTRACT AND THAT'S A COMPANY WAS SO GOOD IN SECURITY  
19    THEY GOT HACKED. THEY GOT HACKED HACKED MULTIPLE TIMES. AND WE  
20    HAVE THEM AS SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT AND WE ARE DOUBLING THEIR  
21    CONTRACT. THAT CONCERNS ME. THEY ARE SO GOOD THEY HAVE BEEN  
22    HACKED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. AND AS RECENTLY AS LAST  
23    YEAR. HUNDREDS OF WHAT YOU CALL SPECIAL PASSWORDS AND  
24    EVERYTHING WERE STOLEN AND HACKED UPON. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE  
25    GOING TO DO TO PROTECT US HERE AGAINST TERRORISM AND ALL THAT,



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1 A COMPANY WHO HAS CLOSE TIE WITH THE F.B.I. AND EVEN WITH THAT  
2 THEY GET HACKED. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S SO SAD, THAT THEY ARE  
3 CONNECTED WITH THE F.B.I. AND BOTH OF THEM GET HACKED OR THEY  
4 GET HACKED, ANYWAY. BUT I WILL SUGGEST, LIKE I HAVE DONE  
5 BEFORE, DO YOU DO DELETIONS? IS IT WORTH ANOTHER PAYING AN  
6 EXTRA 1,250,000 DOLLARS TO BE HACKED A LITTLE MORE? MAYBE THAT  
7 IS A SPECIAL, WE GET HACKED, WE GET TWICE THE PRICE OF OUR  
8 CONTRACT. I ALWAYS SAY IT'S VERY GOOD TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY  
9 OF LOS ANGELES ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE NOT PERFORMING, YOU GET  
10 EVEN MORE PAY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
13 TESTIMONY. FINAL PERSON TO BE HEARD.

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE STILL GLOWING FROM THE AWARD  
17 YOU GOT AT THE M.T.A. FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS BEING A  
18 WINNER -- WEINER. SO, MAYBE YOU CAN DO A RE-ENACTMENT HERE FOR  
19 THE PUBLIC TO APPRECIATE JUST EXACTLY WHAT WENT ON AT M.T.A..  
20 THAT BEING SAID, I HELD ITEM 17. IT WAS AGAIN ALSO ABOUT THE  
21 SECURITY CONTRACT. AND MY CONCERNS WITH THAT WAS WITH THE  
22 BUDGET HEARINGS THAT YOU HELD LAST WEEK AND PREVIOUS TO THAT,  
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT STAFFING FOR THE  
24 UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT SHE FELT THE SHERIFF WAS CHEATING  
25 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OUT OF PERSONNEL. AND HER CONCERNS



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1 WERE SO LARGE, HUGE, WHATEVER, THAT SHE WAS WANTING TO LOOK  
2 INTO HIRING, OUTSOURCING OUTSIDE SECURITY. AND HERE YOU HAVE  
3 SECURITY STAFF THAT YOU'RE HIRING FOR PATROLLING OFFICIAL  
4 BUILDINGS. OH, MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN. AND YOU ALSO HAD  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AT THE SAME MEETING THAT THE SHERIFF WAS  
6 TRYING TO DEFEND HIMSELF, SOMETHING CAME UP ABOUT UNFILLED,  
7 FUNDED POSITIONS. AND SO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS ASKING  
8 ABOUT WHY THE SHERIFF WASN'T USING HIS UNFILLED, FUNDED  
9 POSITIONS TO SUPPLY PERSONNEL TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND  
10 UNFORTUNATELY I ACTUALLY WORKED THE CITY ELECTION, SO I WASN'T  
11 HERE TO LISTEN TO THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS. I THANK THE CITY OF  
12 LOS ANGELES FOR THAT. BUT NEVERTHELESS, IF YOU HAVE THE  
13 SECURITY SYSTEM HERE -- AND AGAIN, YOU COULD ALSO LOOK AT THE  
14 M.T.A., YOU KNOW. THAT WINNING ORGANIZATION, THEY USED THE  
15 SHERIFF. WHY NOT LOOK INTO A COMPETITIVE BID WITH AN OUTSIDE  
16 SECURITY FIRM? YOU KNOW, WHEN I GOT OFF AT THE PATSAOURAS  
17 STATION THIS MORNING, THEY WERE CHECKING FOR TAP CARDS FOR  
18 METROLINK. HOLY COW, 400 MILLION DOLLARS FOR METROLINK FOR TAP  
19 CARDS AND IT'S A PAPER ITEM. BUT THEY HAD ALMOST A DOZEN  
20 SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL THERE. HOW MUCH LESS WOULD IT HAVE BEEN IF  
21 THEY HAD OUTSIDE SECURITY? THAT BEING SAID, THE COMMUNITY  
22 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, I'M CONCERNED. YOU KNOW, A COUPLE OF  
23 WEEKS AGO ACTUALLY MAYBE IT WAS MONTHS AGO YOU MADE A BIG DEAL  
24 OUT OF AUTHORIZING SOME FUNDING FOR IN LIEU OF REDEVELOPMENT.  
25 I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO FINISH THIS I WILL RUN OUT OF



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1 TIME, I'LL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT WHEN WE DO THE PUBLIC  
2 HEARINGS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ARE GLOWING.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

9

10 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** MR. SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE A FEW ITEMS BEFORE US.  
11 WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 7, WHICH IS BEING CONTINUED TO JUNE 25TH.  
12 ITEMS NUMBER 10, 16 AND 17.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THOSE ITEMS, MEMBERS OF THE  
15 BOARD, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES.  
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,  
17 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA,  
18 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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20 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS IF YOU  
21 WISH.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED.

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1   **LORAYNE LINGAT:** ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8, ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO  
2   TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, IF YOU CAN PLEASE STAND AND RAISE  
3   YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN? IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
4   BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
5   THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?  
6   THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED TO THE  
9   FIRST ITEM.

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11   **LORAYNE LINGAT:** WE'RE ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 1. I'LL  
12   READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A HEARING ON  
13   SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013-2014 FOR THE  
14   CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT IN THE MARINA SEWER  
15   MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON  
16   THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

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18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THE DEPARTMENT  
19   ENROUTE? SIR, LET'S PROCEED. PROCEED, SHALL WE?

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21   **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
22   SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU, I'M A CIVIL SENIOR  
23   ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
24   WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE  
25   CHARGE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED AND THE MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE





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1 DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014. THERE ARE NO SEWER SERVICE  
2 CHARGE RATE INCREASES PROPOSED FOR THE MARINA SEWER  
3 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS AND  
4 THE NINE SPECIAL ZONES OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
5 DISTRICTS FOR 2013-2014. THE ONLY INCREASE IN SEWER SERVICE  
6 CHARGES IN 2013-2014 WILL BE AN INCREASE OF THREE DOLLARS PER  
7 SEWAGE UNIT IN THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT,  
8 BUT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 22, 2012.  
9 THAT INCREASE WAS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIRED NOTICE, PUBLIC  
10 HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL PROTESTS PRIOR TO THE BOARD'S  
11 APPROVAL. A SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR CONSOLIDATED SEWER  
12 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WILL BE RAISED FROM \$35.50 TO \$38.50 PER  
13 SEWER UNIT. THE REPORT ON THESE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WAS  
14 PREPARED BY MY OFFICE UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, THE  
15 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED. IN MY OPINION,  
16 IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SEWER  
17 SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE  
18 MOST ORDERLY AND COST-EFFECTIVE COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES FROM  
19 THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
22 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO WISHES TO BE  
23 HEARD. NOW TWO. THEY ARE BOTH ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN.  
24 SIR? WOULD YOU TAKE THIS?



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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, THANK YOU. I'LL BE VERY BRIEF ON THIS. THIS  
2   IS UNDER THE CATEGORY OF SEWAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. AND I HAVE  
3   BEEN WAITING TO SEE THE A.E.C.O.M. REPORT ON COUNTY  
4   INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS IS, I'M SURE, EXEMPT FROM THAT. THIS  
5   REFERS TO THE SEWERS WHICH I THINK THERE'S SEWAGE SYSTEM FOR  
6   500,000 PARCELS, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN 4,600 MILES OF SANITARY  
7   SEWERS. SO THIS IS A TREMENDOUS TASK TO KEEP THIS IN GOOD  
8   SHAPE. AND LAST YEAR WE HEARD FROM MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE THAT  
9   THIS WAS CRUMBLING, SOME OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE. AND IT IS  
10   GOOD THAT WE'VE NOT INCREASED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE MARINA  
11   WHERE SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I HAD A LITTLE DISCUSSION LAST  
12   YEAR, THAT'S STAYING THE SAME. THE ONLY INCREASE IS THREE-PLUS  
13   DOLLARS TO THE CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT. BUT IF I UNDERSTAND IT  
14   CORRECTLY, THAT IS A WIDE STRETCH OF THIS NETWORK. SO IT'S A  
15   SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MORE MONEY COMING IN, IF I HAVE IT  
16   CORRECT, I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW THESE WERE AGREED TO LAST YEAR,  
17   SO THIS IS JUST THE ACTUALIZATION OF A DEAL THAT WENT THROUGH  
18   LAST YEAR. BUT I GUESS THAT THE REASON WHY I RAISE IT IS WE  
19   ALL REMEMBER A FEW MONTHS AGO WHERE WE WERE DEALING WITH THE  
20   RUNOFF SITUATION. AND IT'S JUST INEXPLICABLE THAT THIS AND THE  
21   RUNOFF SITUATION ARE NOT SOMEHOW LINKED SINCE WHEN RAIN WATER  
22   COMES INTO OUR COMMUNITIES, OR ANY KIND OF WATER, IT IS  
23   DRAINED OUT THROUGH THE SEWAGE SYSTEM. AND I'M CURIOUS WHETHER  
24   OR NOT THIS KIND OF AN INCREASE OR THE INCREASE THAT WAS PUT  
25   INTO EFFECT FOR THIS SEWAGE DISTRICT IS TAKEN INTO EFFECT --



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1 OR TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THAT DISCUSSION WE WERE HAVING ABOUT  
2 CLEAN BEACHES AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. WITH THAT I'M PLEASED  
3 THE INCREASES ARE NOT GREATER AND I WILL CEDE THE REST OF MY  
4 TIME.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. MY  
9 CONCERNS HERE, ACTUALLY, REFER TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS TO  
10 MAINTAIN SERVICES IN EXISTING SERVICE AREAS. THE ACTUAL DEBT  
11 SERVICE PAYMENT THAT IS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY. WITH THE  
12 RECONDITIONING OF THE BUILDING RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET, THE  
13 OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, I BELIEVE? I BELIEVE MR. FUJIOKA  
14 MENTIONED THAT THE DEBT SERVICE IS LIKE 30 MILLION DOLLARS FOR  
15 20 YEARS, OR IN THAT VICINITY. AND IT'S THE DEBT SERVICE THAT  
16 GETS THE PUBLIC, ACTUALLY, NO PUN INTENDED, IN THE END.  
17 BECAUSE IT'S THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BORROWED. IT'S THE MONEY THAT  
18 BANKS PUT UP AS COLLATERAL FOR THESE DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS  
19 THAT THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES AND EVENTUALLY THE PUBLIC ARE  
20 RESPONSIBLE FOR. WE HEAR ABOUT THE PROJECTS FOR THE METRO,  
21 THAT THEY WANT TO BORROW MONEY TO FILL IN BECAUSE OF THE  
22 SHORTAGES ON THE MEASURE R. BUT THERE'S NO DISCUSSION  
23 REGARDING THE DEBT SERVICE. BEING A LITTLE BIT MORE  
24 FORTHCOMING ABOUT DEBT SERVICE FOR THE SEWER MAINTENANCE AND  
25 UPKEEP AND THE OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE CONSIDERED BY



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1 THE COUNTY IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION,  
2 THERE REALLY IS NO -- THERE'S NO WAY TO CAPTURE WHAT'S GOING  
3 ON WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY CAN APPROVE ANYTHING.  
4 THEY'RE TERMED OUT NOW. SO THE BILL IS LEFT FOR SOMEBODY ELSE  
5 TO PAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I'D BE VERY CONCERNED, YOUR  
6 FOUR MATES WILL BE TERMED OUT IN A FEW YEARS AND YOU WILL BE  
7 STRUGGLING TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY THAT THEY'VE ALLOCATED  
8 BECAUSE THEY'LL BE OUT OF OFFICE. I'LL ALSO CEDE THE REST.  
9 YOU'RE GLOWING. IT'S A LUCKY DAY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
12 WE'LL PROCEED.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME, SIR.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT CLOSES THE  
17 PUBLIC HEARING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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19 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. SEEING NO  
23 OBJECTION, SIR, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
24 PRESENTATION. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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1 CLERK ON ITEM NUMBER 2 THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE ANNUAL SOLID  
2 WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-  
3 14. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE  
4 WAS RECEIVED.

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6 >>SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYONE ON  
7 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT COMING FORWARD? ALL RIGHT. GOING  
8 ONCE, GOING TWICE. PLEASE PROCEED.

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10 KOBE SKY: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
11 MY NAME IS KOBE SKY. I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER WITH THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE  
13 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE  
14 GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL ON THE TAX ROLL  
15 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 THROUGH 2014. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE  
16 SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE WAS PREPARED IN MY  
17 OFFICE UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO  
18 RETAIN THE SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL AND IT IS IN  
19 THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGE  
20 ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY  
21 COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGE FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.  
22 IN MY OPINION, THE SERVICE CHARGE CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY  
23 IMPOSED. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS TO THE REPORT.  
24 THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
2    PRESENTATION. WE NOTE THAT BOTH ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS  
3    WISH TO BE HEARD ON THESE ITEMS. GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD COME  
4    FORWARD.

5

6    **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
7    DISTRICT 3. I'LL BE EXTREMELY BRIEF. I JUST DID THE MATH ON  
8    THIS. IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THIS YIELDS, THIS FEE, JUST  
9    SOMETHING UNDER 2 MILLION DOLLARS. IS THAT CORRECT? IN THE  
10   TOTAL. SO THE QUESTION BECOMES: HOW DOES THAT HELP? I MEAN  
11   IT'S JUST AN EXTRAORDINARILY SMALL NUMBER FOR 500,000 PARCELS.  
12   FIRST OF ALL, KUDOS TO THE KEEPING IT LOW IDEA. BUT I JUST --  
13   I'M ALWAYS AMAZED BECAUSE WE COME DOWN HERE AND WE HEAR THE  
14   EXORBITANT FEES THAT WERE BEING LEVIED FOR THE CLEAN BEACHES A  
15   FEW MONTHS AGO, AND I JUST GET LOST IN THE VARIOUS FEES. SO  
16   THAT'S MY COMMENT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING INTELLIGENT TO SAY  
17   BEYOND THAT, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY NOT QUALIFYING. THANK YOU.

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19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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21   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. MY  
22   CONCERNS, ACTUALLY, TWO CONCERNS. ONE, AND I GOT TO APPRECIATE  
23   THE WORK DONE BY THE AGENCY.

24

25   **KOBE SKY:** THE DEPARTMENT.



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**ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU HAD AN ITEM A FEW YEARS AGO ABOUT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL, AND MYSTERIOUSLY YOU DOUBLED THE INTAKE FROM 6,000 TONS A DAY TO 12,100 TONS A DAY, FROM 36,000 TONS A WEEK TO 66,000 TONS A WEEK. COUNTY AGENCY. THAT'S 6,600 TONS JUST LIKE THAT. SO HOW CAN ONE AGENCY BE SO COGNIZANT OF WHAT THEY'RE COLLECTING AND ANOTHER AGENCY MISS BY 6,600 TONS. HMM. THEN OF COURSE YOU HAVE ANOTHER AGENCY THAT DOESN'T REALLY RELY ON COUNTY WORKERS, PER SE. THAT WOULD BE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, WHO ASKED THE PUBLIC TO TRUST THEM AND VOTE FOR A HALF-CENT SALES TAX THAT WOULD GENERATE 1.333 BILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE A YEAR. AND YET THE BUDGET PRIOR TO THEM ASKING FOR THAT VOTE SHOWED THAT TWO SIMILAR HALF-CENT SALES TAXES BARELY GENERATED 700 MILLION DOLLARS. HMM. HOW CAN THAT BE? SO, AGAIN I APPRECIATE THE WORK DONE BY THIS AGENCY IN COMING UP WITH THE FIGURES. I'M NOT A PROPERTY OWNER, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW. BUT HOW CAN THEY BE SO RIGHT ON 33 PERCENT OF THE TIME AND TWO OTHER AGENCIES BE RIGHT OFF 66 PERCENT OF THE TIME; 66, 6600 TONS. MUST BE A LUCKY NUMBER. AGAIN, I'LL CEDE THE REST OF MY TIME BECAUSE WE HAVE LOTS OF ANSWERS. THANK YOU, SIR.

22

**SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. WE SEE



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1 NO OBJECTIONS. THERE THAT WILL BE A UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM  
2 NUMBER 3?

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4 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** MR. CHAIRMAN ON ITEM NUMBER 3, THIS IS THE  
5 HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF LEVYING OF ANNUAL  
6 ASSESSMENTS IN COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND  
7 LIGHTING ACT-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14. THERE IS A  
8 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE  
9 WAS RECEIVED.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS, IF YOU'D  
12 COME FORWARD, YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WISHING TO BE HEARD ON  
13 THIS ITEM. AND, SIR, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED, WE WOULD BE  
14 APPRECIATIVE. HOLD ON, YOUR MIC ISN'T ON. TRY AGAIN.

15

16 **JAMES CHAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
17 IS JAMES CHAN AND I AM THE HEAD OF THE STREET LIGHTING SECTION  
18 OF IN TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FOR THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVYING AND  
20 COLLECTION OF THE ANNUAL STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN  
21 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1 FOR  
22 ALL ZONES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 AT THE SAME RATES THAT ARE  
23 BEING LEVIED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. IN MY OPINION, ALL THE  
24 TERRITORY WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND  
25 LIGHTING ACT-1 WILL CONTINUE TO BE BENEFITED BY THE SERVICES



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1 PROVIDED AND THE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ZONES CONTINUE TO BE  
2 SPREAD IN PROPORTION THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO THE INVOLVED  
3 PROPERTIES. IN MY OPINION, IT IS JUST AND EQUITABLE AND IN THE  
4 PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR INSTALLATION AND  
5 MAINTENANCE OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS BE MADE A CHARGE UPON THE  
6 EXISTING DISTRICTS AS A WHOLE IN FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND 2014. WE  
7 HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED LEVY OF THE  
8 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPE AND  
9 LIGHTING ACT-1.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
12 YOUR PRESENTATION, RATHER. MR. SACHS, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. TWO THINGS ABOUT  
15 THIS ITEM, A AND B. YOU KNOW, THE CITY HAS LIGHTING DISTRICTS,  
16 ALSO. BUT THEY HAVE BASICALLY THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT OF WATER  
17 AND POWER THAT GENERATES THE ELECTRICITY. I DON'T BELIEVE THE  
18 COUNTY HAS ITS OWN UTILITY AGENCY THAT GENERATES ELECTRICITY.  
19 SO WHEN YOU STATE HERE THAT YOU HAVE RATES THAT WERE CHARGED  
20 FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998-'99 THROUGH 2011-2012 AND FISCAL YEAR  
21 2003-4 AND THE CALABASAS ZONE THAT WAS INCREASED IN FISCAL  
22 YEAR 1999-2000. HOW DO YOU CONTRACT WITH THE UTILITY COMPANY?  
23 AND BASICALLY THE UTILITY COMPANY THAT PROVIDES UTILITIES. YOU  
24 KNOW, I REMEMBER A FEW YEARS AGO THEY WANTED TO DO SOME  
25 UNDERGROUNDING IN A COUPLE OF THE BEACH CITIES AND THEY HAD



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1 SOME REAL PROBLEMS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON WHO OWNS  
2 THE STREETLIGHTS. AND THE PROBLEM WAS GETTING THEM TO  
3 COOPERATE WITH THE CITIES. SO HOW EXACTLY DOES THAT WORK? AND  
4 ANOTHER PART OF THIS IS THE BENEFITED PROPERTIES. YOU KNOW, WE  
5 HAD SOME ARTICLES IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING PROP 13 AND  
6 PROPERTIES THAT BENEFIT FROM ENHANCEMENTS WHERE THE PROPERTY  
7 VALUE ACTUALLY GOES UP, BUT THE PROPERTY TAX STAYS THE SAME  
8 BECAUSE OF SOME INCONSISTENCIES IN PROP 13. WITH THESE  
9 LIGHTING DISTRICTS, IS IT TRUE THAT FOR MOST HOMEOWNERS, THE  
10 PROPERTY VALUE GOES UP AND THE PROPERTY TAX GOES UP AT THE  
11 SAME TIME? THEREFORE PUTTING AN UNFAIR BURDEN ON THEM WHILE  
12 CERTAIN BUSINESSES, LET'S SAY DODGER STADIUM, AND LET'S SAY  
13 L.A. LIVE GET INCREASED PROPERTY VALUE, BUT THEY DON'T GET  
14 INCREASED PROPERTY TAX BECAUSE AGAIN OF INCONSISTENCIES IN  
15 PROP 13. AND MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS COULD WRITE A LETTER TO, FIVE SIGNATURES, ALTHOUGH  
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL BE GONE FOR ANOTHER, WHAT? WEEK? TO THE  
18 STATE LEGISLATION. THEY'RE ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN. YOU COULD  
19 HAVE ANOTHER CLOSED SESSION HEARING WITH GOVERNOR BROWN. JUST  
20 GET THE MONEY FIRST. BUT, AGAIN, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE  
21 COUNTY AND THE UTILITY COMPANY THAT PROVIDES ELECTRICITY FOR  
22 THE LIGHTING AND THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY VERSUS THE VALUE OF  
23 THE PROPERTY TAX. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
2   MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. ON THIS ITEM, WE THANK YOU  
3   FOR THE PRESENTATION. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. I THINK  
4   WE'RE ON TO PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER 4. CORRECT?

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6   **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE FIVE-YEAR 2013-2018  
7   CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY TO ENABLE  
8   THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER COMMUNITY  
9   DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS AND  
10   EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
11   DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS NO  
12   DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.  
13   AND WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BE HEARD.

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE  
16   NAMES OF ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS ON THESE ITEMS.  
17   GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. MR. SACHS?

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19   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. ARNOLD  
20   SACHS. THIS IS FASCINATING LITTLE ITEM, ANOTHER ACTION  
21   CONTRACT. BUT WHAT'S REALLY INTERESTING HERE IS IT INCLUDES  
22   SEVERAL DIFFERENT SOURCES OF MONEY, INCLUDING 11 MILLION  
23   DOLLARS, ALMOST OF ROLLED-OVER EXPENSES. AND 21 MILLION  
24   DOLLARS, GIVE OR TAKE A COUPLE OF PENNIES, OF NEW C.D.B.G.  
25   FUNDS. AND ACCORDING TO THIS ITEM, THERE ARE THREE CONTRACTS



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1 FOR C.D.B.G. FUNDS, AND THEY TOTAL 20,048,868 DOLLARS, YET THE  
2 COUNTY IS GETTING 21,019,685 DOLLARS IN C.D.B.G. FUNDS. NOT  
3 INCLUSIVE OF THE 11,086,999 DOLLARS THAT ARE ROLLED OVER FROM  
4 THE PREVIOUS ACTION YEAR FUNDING. THEN THERE'S SOME EMERGENCY  
5 SOLUTION GRANT FUNDING, SOME HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP  
6 FUNDING. BUT THOSE AREN'T C.D.B.G. FUNDS PER SE. THOSE ARE  
7 ALLOCATED FOR DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. SO IS THE COMMUNITY  
8 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, WE'VE HAD ON THEIR AGENDA A FEW OTHER  
9 TIMES, TAKING A 10 PERCENT ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR SOME OF THIS  
10 FUNDING? AND SINCE YOU HAVE NOT USED ANY OF THE ROLLED OVER  
11 UNPROGRAMMED C.D.B.G. FUNDS FROM PRIOR YEARS, WHAT'S THE STORY  
12 WITH THOSE? THAT'S 11,086,999 DOLLARS. JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY.  
13 JUST, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD 38TH YEAR AND 37TH YEAR AND NOW IT'S  
14 THE 39TH YEAR. ACTUALLY, I WITHDRAW. THIS IS NOT AN ACTION  
15 PROGRAM. THE OTHER ONES WERE ACTION PROGRAMS. SO I CORRECT  
16 MYSELF. THESE ARE INACTION PROGRAMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M SURE THAT WE'LL GET PLENTY OF ANSWERS FROM  
21 THE BOARD.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
24 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
2   DISTRICT 3. AND I TOOK NOTE IN THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
3   COMMISSION HOUSING AUTHORITY DEPLOYMENT OF ABOUT 30 SOME ODD  
4   MILLION DOLLARS, IT'S THE 21 N.C.D.B.G., THE 11 AND THE OTHER  
5   UNSPENT FUNDS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. FIRST OF ALL, THAT'S A  
6   LITTLE BIT OF A RED FLAG. WHAT DO YOU MEAN UNSPENT FUNDS FROM  
7   THE PRIOR YEAR? WHY AREN'T WE ABLE TO SPEND IT LAST YEAR? I  
8   KNOW THERE'S PERMISSION TO SPEND IT OVER THREE YEARS. YOU  
9   WOULD THINK WE WOULD WANT TO BRING IT FORWARD SINCE WE HAVE  
10   SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF THESE COMMUNITIES IN NEED. IT'S WORTH  
11   NOTING THAT THE COMMUNITIES IN NEED INCLUDE AZUSA, BELL, AND  
12   BELL GARDENS ARE I THINK ARE THE TOP THREE RECIPIENTS OF THIS  
13   MONEY. AND I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS NOTED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS  
14   IN THE MANAGEMENT IN THOSE SECTORS AND THAT IS WORRISOME. BUT  
15   THE ISSUE THAT REALLY HAS MY ATTENTION IS THAT OF CITIZEN  
16   PARTICIPATION IN DECIDING THE BEST USE FOR THESE FUNDS. THERE  
17   IS A CATEGORY CALLED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION WHERE THERE'S AN  
18   OUTREACH. AND I'VE DETECTED THAT THEY DO A SURVEY. AND THE  
19   SURVEY SEEMS TO BE THE PART OF THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION  
20   THAT'S DRAGGED OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. AND THE NUMBERS ARE  
21   BIZARRE, I MUST TELL YOU. YOU HAVE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT THERE  
22   WERE SORT OF 69 PEOPLE WHO SHOWED UP AT THE MEETINGS,  
23   COMPLETED A SURVEY. AND THEN ANOTHER 100 WHO SENT THEM IN VIA  
24   MAIL, WHICH SETS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNNY BUSINESS. AND  
25   THEN IN THE SECOND DISTRICT THERE WERE 26 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED



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1 THE MEETING. THEN 111 SENT THEM IN VIA MAIL. IN THE THIRD  
2 DISTRICT, I'M EMBARRASSED TO REPORT AS A THIRD REPRESENTATIVE,  
3 NOT REPRESENTATIVE, CONSTITUENT, SORRY, SIR, THERE WERE SEVEN  
4 INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED THE PUBLIC MEETING. THAT IS A SLEEPY  
5 LITTLE NUMBER. FORTUNATELY WE HAVE A GOOD, ROBUST POSTAL  
6 PROGRAM, AND 189 PEOPLE SENT IN SOME KIND OF COMMENTS. IN THE  
7 FOURTH DISTRICT, JUST TO FINISH IT OFF, EMBARRASSING, ONLY  
8 FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ATTENDED THE MEETINGS, 35 SENT  
9 IN LETTERS. AND IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT 69 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE  
10 MEETING AND OVER 150 SENT IN LETTERS. THE QUESTION IS: WHAT  
11 DOES THIS ALL MEAN? BECAUSE WHEN THEY FINALLY RATE WHAT IT IS  
12 THAT PEOPLE WANT, THE SYSTEM THAT'S IN PLACE IS A SCALE OF 1  
13 TO 4. AND ALL OF THE METRICS ARE MEASURED IN 3.4 VERSUS 3.60.  
14 THEY'RE ALL VERY SUBTLE. AND IT ALL BASICALLY LINES UP THAT  
15 THEY WANT THE STUFF YOU'D IMAGINE. THERE SEEMS TO BE A BIT  
16 MORE OF AN APPETITE FOR PARKS AND REC WHEN YOU ASK THE  
17 QUESTION A CERTAIN WAY. AND IF YOU ASK IT A DIFFERENT WAY, OF  
18 COURSE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMES TO MIND. THE POINT IS THAT THIS  
19 IS OBVIOUSLY NOT MEANINGFUL METRICS TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC. AND  
20 I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S A THEME DOWN HERE THAT THIS  
21 SURVEY, I BELIEVE, IS USED AS A WAY OF KIND OF CHECKING THE  
22 BOX ON INCLUSIVENESS AS OPPOSED TO ACTUALLY DOING ANYTHING  
23 MEANINGFUL ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT WOULD TAKE A VERY SHORT PERIOD  
24 OF TIME FOR THESE DISTRICT OFFICES TO GET PEOPLE EXCITED ABOUT



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1 PARTICIPATING IF THEY WERE REALLY INTERESTED. SO, THANK YOU  
2 FOR YOUR TIME AND ENERGY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM  
5 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR -- I'M SORRY?  
6 ALL RIGHT.

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8 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** [OFF MIC]

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT THE ENTIRETY OF THE  
11 ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE  
13 ITEM.

14

15 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** WE ARE ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 5.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NUMBER 5.

18

19 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THIS IS A HEARING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
20 HEALTH PROPOSED PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR '13-14  
21 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013. THERE WAS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT  
22 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS. IN  
25 SHORT ORDER.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.  
3 THIS IS MOVING VERY QUICKLY. I THINK WE'RE ALL VERY HAPPY  
4 ABOUT THAT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE JAIL INPATIENT FEE, CLIENT PER DAY IS 512  
9 DOLLARS. SO I JUST WANT TO MEDITATE ON THAT AS WE THINK ABOUT  
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S PROPOSAL TO GET A CLOSER LOOK. HE'S  
11 ON THE PHONE NOW WITH THE JAIL HOSPITAL PEOPLE. BUT HE'LL BE  
12 OFF IN A MOMENT AND THEN HE'LL BE MORE CURIOUS ABOUT THIS. BUT  
13 THAT IS A RELATIVELY MUTED NUMBER, ACTUALLY. YOU'RE ON THE  
14 PHONE, TOO, SIR. LET'S CONFERENCE HIM IN. YOU KNOW WE CAN  
15 CONFERENCE HIM WHEN HE'S IN WASHINGTON. ANTONOVICH HAS A JOKE.  
16 HE'S FEEDING YOU A PUNCH LINE, SIR. I'VE LEARNED TO PAUSE FOR  
17 THE LAUGH. IS IT OVER? OH, THERE IT IS. THAT WAS A SELF-  
18 CHUCKLE. HE DIDN'T GET YOU BUT HE GOT HIMSELF.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, SIR, THERE'S THE LAUGH. YOU ALWAYS GO TO THAT  
23 ONE. THAT'S A GOOD ONE, SIR. THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE BECAUSE  
24 THIS IS THE RATES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CHARGES. OBVIOUSLY WITH  
25 A.B.109, CALM DOWN, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF





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1 MENTAL HEALTH COSTS AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DEPLOY THAT  
2 APPROPRIATELY. I FIND THESE NUMBERS HARD TO CONCEIVE. IT  
3 SEEMED LIKE WHEN I CALLED OUT 512 DOLLARS FOR AN INPATIENT BED  
4 IN A JAIL, IT SEEMED LIKE A HIGH NUMBER, BUT WHEN YOU COMPARE  
5 IT TO THE DAY RATE OF SOMETHING LIKE, IF A DAY TREATMENT FOR A  
6 HALF DAY IS 223 DOLLARS, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW. IF YOU'RE  
7 GETTING A PSYCHIATRIST WHO'S PRETTY GOOD, THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD  
8 DEAL. BUT I THINK WE CAN SEE THAT THESE KINDS OF COSTS ARE  
9 HUGE. AND IF WE COULD DEPLOY A FRACTION OF THE RESOURCES THAT  
10 WE PLAN TO ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TOWARD SOME KIND OF COMMUNITY  
11 HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE GREATEST COUNTY HERE IN  
12 THE WORLD, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I THINK WE WOULD BE BETTER OFF.  
13 SIR, YOU'RE GOING TO? HE'S GOING TO USE THE RESTROOM. GIVE HIM  
14 A HALL PASS AND WE'LL COME BACK WHEN HE'S DONE. FOR ME I'M  
15 DONE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH THING. I THINK THESE ARE ROBUST  
16 NUMBERS. THEY'RE NOT EVEN ACTUALS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT  
17 THEY WILL BE -- ONCE WE GET A REPORT ON 2011-2012 THEN WE'LL  
18 GET THE ACTUALS AND WE'LL COME BACK FOR A LITTLE MORE IS MY  
19 UNDERSTANDING. THERE'S A SMALL CHANCE WE'LL GIVE SOME BACK BUT  
20 I DON'T THINK THAT'S EVER HAPPENED IN THE HISTORY OF TIME. SO  
21 GOOD LUCK WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS.



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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THE  
2   COUNTY AND MONEY. YOU KNOW, TAKE A LOOK AT THE HISTORY. YOU  
3   WERE GETTING 300 MILLION DOLLARS FOR M.L.K. HOSPITAL. THAT  
4   WENT DOWN THE TOILET. MY CONCERNS MR. PREVEN MENTIONED A.B.109  
5   WHICH IS THE RE-ALIGNMENT ACTION THAT WAS TAKEN BY THE STATE.  
6   BUT AGAIN HE NEGLECTED TO MENTION A.B-- PROP 30, WHICH WAS  
7   WHAT YOU MET ABOUT WITH THE GOVERNOR IN CLOSED SESSION WHEN  
8   YOU VIOLATED THE SACROSANCT BROWN ACT. AND WHAT WAS DISCUSSED  
9   WAS, ACCORDING TO THE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PUT OUT BY THE  
10   COUNTY, WAS THAT PROP 30 WAS ACTUALLY PAYING THE COST FOR  
11   A.B.109. IMAGINE THAT. AND NOBODY SAID ANYTHING. NOT ANY OF  
12   THE SUPERVISORS. PLENTY OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE RELEASE OF  
13   CONVICTS. BUT NOBODY MENTIONED THIS YOU'D BE PAYING FOR IT BY  
14   VOTING FOR PROP 30. THEY DID FORTUNATELY MENTION THAT YOU'D BE  
15   HELPING SCHOOLS OUT. SO YOU'VE HELPED SCHOOLS. AND YOU'VE  
16   RELEASED CONVICTS AT THE SAME TIME. AND BETWEEN YOU AND THE  
17   GOVERNOR, AND MAYBE TWO OR THREE OTHER PEOPLE, WHO ELSE IN THE  
18   STATE WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT? THAT WAS THE BIGGEST SECRET SINCE  
19   COLONEL SANDERS' FRIED CHICKEN RECIPE, AND NOBODY KNOWS THAT.  
20   BUT, AGAIN, TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL SHORT DOYLE MEDI-CAL LOWER  
21   COST CHARGES. AND AGAIN THE OTHER INTERESTING PART OF THIS IS  
22   IT'S FUNDING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET, BUT IT DOESN'T  
23   NECESSARILY EQUATE TO FUNDING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PAY OUT. BE  
24   VERY, VERY CAREFUL WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY. IT'S PART OF THE  
25   COUNTY -- IT SHOULD BE PART OF THE COUNTY EMBLEM: GET THE



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1 MONEY FIRST. RULE NUMBER 2, GET THE MONEY FIRST. THANK YOU,  
2 SIR.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
5 OFFICER?

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7 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR  
10 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. PLEASE  
11 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. AND THEN WE CAN MOVE TO THE SIXTH  
12 PUBLIC HEARING, CORRECT?

13

14 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THIS IS A HEARING ON THE NEW AND REVISED FEES  
15 AND CHARGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS FEES  
16 AND CHARGES SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013 AND ESTABLISHMENT  
17 OF THE FEES FOR SENIOR DISABLED NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT  
18 ANNUAL PERMIT, SWIMMING POOL LANE RENTAL AND LICENSE AND RIGHT  
19 OF ENTRY PERMITS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO  
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE DO TAKE NOTE OF  
23 TWO PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM, ERIC PREVEN,  
24 ARNOLD SACHS. SIR?

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
2   DISTRICT 3. IS MS. MOLINA NOT COMING TODAY? OKAY. APPRECIATE  
3   THAT. THANK YOU. SHE'S ON VACATION. IT'S JUST THAT WHENEVER I  
4   THINK OF PARKS AND REC, I THINK OF GOLF.

5

6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WAS THE ANSWER OF MR. SACHS  
7   ON THE MATTER. MR. SACHS ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION.

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9   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU.

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11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. YOU REPEATED IT WITHOUT  
12   SUBSTANTIATION.

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14   **ERIC PREVEN:** THIS IS A BIT THAT'S DYING QUICKLY. STOP TALKING  
15   DURING MY COMMENTS, PLEASE.

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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19   **ERIC PREVEN:** WHENEVER I THINK OF PARKS AND REC I THINK OF  
20   GLORIA MOLINA, WHENEVER I THINK OF GOLF, I THINK OF GLORIA  
21   MOLINA, AND IN THIS CASE WE'RE THINKING OF PARKS AND  
22   RECREATIONS INCREASING SOME FEES. AND I HAVE TO ADMIT I WAS  
23   CONFUSED BECAUSE WE'VE INCREASED THE SENIOR DISABLED NON-  
24   MOTORIZED ANNUAL WATERCRAFT ANNUAL PERMIT. WE ADDED IT. WE'RE  
25   CHARGING NOW FOR SOME POOL LANES. AND THESE CHARGES ARE



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1 TYPICAL MUNICIPALITIES I THINK IS A FAIR STATEMENT. BUT WHAT'S  
2 NOT TYPICAL MUNICIPALITIES IS CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LARGE  
3 COMPANIES THAT ARE OWNED BY GOLDMAN SACHS AND STARWOOD RESORTS  
4 AND THAT'S THE AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION. MR. FUJIOKA WILL  
5 CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE THE HOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN GOLF  
6 CORPORATION. AND THE AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION RECEIVED A  
7 VERY, VERY, VERY TASTY OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THEIR AGREEMENTS  
8 WITH THE COUNTY FOR SIX OR SEVEN GOLF COURSES IN 2012 FOR A  
9 MODEST 10 PERCENT INCREASE OVERALL. AND MY SUSPICION, I CAN'T  
10 PROVE IT, BUT I'VE SEEN THE REVENUE, IS THAT OF THE REVENUE  
11 PIE THAT THESE GOLF COURSES, MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES THROW OFF,  
12 THEY'RE TAKING A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. THEY'RE MAKING A FORTUNE,  
13 TO PUT IT MILDLY. I THINK THAT'S WHY THEY DID EVERYTHING THEY  
14 COULD TO GET THOSE DEALS EXTENDED WITHOUT ANY COMPETITION. I  
15 THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY UNDERSTANDS THAT COMPETITION IS  
16 APPROPRIATE IN SOME INSTANCES, BUT IN OTHER INSTANCES IT'S  
17 OBVIOUSLY NOT DESIRABLE WHEN WE'RE PERFECTLY HAPPY WITH THE  
18 PRODUCT. AND THAT WAS THE TAKE WITH THIS FIVE-PERSON BOARD  
19 THAT IS AMONG THE MOST ESTEEMED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO  
20 WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHAT IT MEANS IS I'M ANNOYED THAT PARKS AND  
21 REC IS NOT ABLE TO FUND ALL OF THE LITTLE INCREASES THAT KEEP  
22 PRICES LOW, IF THERE ARE ANY, OUT OF THE MONEY THAT THEY'RE  
23 MAKING OR SHOULD BE MAKING OFF OF THE GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS.  
24 EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS, INCLUDING DONALD TRUMP, THAT GOLF  
25 COURSES PRODUCE A LOT OF MONEY. WE'VE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE



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1 WITH AMERICAN GOLF RECENTLY. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WE MADE IT  
2 POSSIBLE FOR SPECTATORS TO COME ON DURING THESE TOURNAMENTS,  
3 WHICH OBVIOUSLY NO ONE IS GOING TO QUESTION BECAUSE IT'S A  
4 GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE KIDS TO BE CHEERED ON AS THEY'RE  
5 WINNING AWARDS AND MAKING SUPERVISOR KNABE PROUD. BUT WHAT IS  
6 PROBLEMATIC IS THAT THE SPLIT ON THE SUGARY BEVERAGES AND ALL  
7 THAT MONEY, WE HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE SPLIT BECAUSE THIS BOARD  
8 THOUGHT LET'S NOT BOTHER. AND NOW BY THE WAY THEY'RE DOING THE  
9 SAME ROUTINE AT L.A. CITY. AND GUESS WHO THEIR LOBBYISTS ARE?  
10 IT'S ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN. I WOULD RECOMMEND ENGLANDER  
11 KNABE AND ALLEN-

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. THEY'RE GOOD. WHAT'S THAT?

16 [LAUGHTER.]

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. IT'S A  
19 GOOD THING YOU HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH PROPOSAL. I'M A LITTLE BIT  
20 CONCERNED ABOUT ERIC PREVEN'S TOO MUCH THINKING ABOUT GLORIA  
21 MOLINA SITUATION. BUT MY CONCERN HERE ACTUALLY IS THE SENIOR  
22 DISABLED PART OF THIS ITEM. AND THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE  
23 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE THAT BOTH OF THOSE GROUPS MAY NEED.  
24 DISABLED ESPECIALLY MIGHT HAVE THE NEED TO HAVE A PERSONAL  
25 ASSISTANT AS PART OF THE ACTS OF SERVICES PROGRAM. AND, AGAIN,





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1 REITERATING WHAT HAPPENED WITH MEASURE R, THE IDEA WAS TO KEEP  
2 SENIOR FARES LOW. AND THEY KEPT SENIOR FARES LOW AND ALSO  
3 DISABLED COSTS LOW AND EXPENSES LOW. AND THEY KEPT THE FARES  
4 LOW, BUT THEY ELIMINATED ALLOWING PERSONAL ASSISTANTS TO RIDE  
5 FREE AS THEY WOULD AS AN ACCESS PATIENT. SO IS THERE A PART OF  
6 THIS ITEM THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE STATUS OF PERSONAL ASSISTANTS  
7 WHEN IT COMES TO PERMITS OR LICENSE AND RIGHT OF ENTRY  
8 PERMITS? JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY. THE 5-POINT PLAN FOR MEASURE R  
9 SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT DISABLED FARES, DISABLED EXPENSES  
10 WOULD BE KEPT LOW, AND YET THE PERSONAL ASSISTANTS NOW HAVE TO  
11 PAY TO USE METRO, TO USE L.A. D.O.T., TO USE ALMOST ANY BUS  
12 LINE IN THE COUNTY. IT'S GOING BACK ON YOUR WORD OR BUT THEN  
13 AGAIN IT'S MEASURE R. AND IT'S WHAT YOU DO. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THAT'S THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 6. THAT ITEM  
18 IS BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. SEEING NO  
22 OBJECTION, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 8.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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3    **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THIS IS A HEARING ON R2012-02290 AN ORDINANCE  
4    SUBMITTING TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE LOS ANGELES  
5    COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH A MILLS ACT PROGRAM AND MILLS ACT  
6    PROGRAM APPLICATION AND CONTRACT EXECUTION FEES WHICH WILL  
7    ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, AND REHABILITATION OF  
8    HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.  
9    AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 ADVISORY  
10    COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO  
11    ENABLE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS AND RECORDS  
12    COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON APPLICATION MATERIALS,  
13    ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES AND CONSIDERATION CRITERIA FOR USE  
14    IN CONNECTION WITH THE MILLS ACT PROGRAM. THERE IS A  
15    DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

16

17    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PROCEED, SIR.

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19    **PHILIP ESTES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
20    BOARD. MY NAME IS PHILIP ESTES, PRINCIPAL PLANNER WITH THE  
21    DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. AS A RESULT OF A BOARD  
22    DIRECTIVE, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND COUNTY  
23    COUNSEL HAVE PREPARED A MILLS ACT ORDINANCE FOR THE  
24    UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT ENABLES  
25    THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE PROPERTY



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1 OWNER WHO IS ACTIVELY RESTORING AND PROTECTING A LANDMARK  
2 PROPERTY. IN TURN THE MILLS ACT CONTRACT ALLOWS FOR A  
3 POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN THE ASSESSED VALUATION WHICH MAY RESULT  
4 IN A REDUCTION IN THE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THAT LANDMARK  
5 PROPERTY. THE MILLS ACT LEGISLATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE  
6 MOST SIGNIFICANT, IMPORTANT, ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN  
7 CALIFORNIA FOR THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC  
8 BUILDINGS BY PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS. AS A POINT OF  
9 INFORMATION, MILLS ACT PROPERTIES IN SAN DIEGO WERE THE  
10 SUBJECT OF A 2008 STUDY, WHICH CONCLUDED THAT THE MILLS ACT  
11 PROGRAM RESULTED IN AN OVERALL NET BENEFIT TO LOCAL  
12 GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE UNREALIZED TAX REVENUE WAS MORE THAN  
13 REGAINED IN INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES FOR ALL PROPERTIES  
14 LOCATED WITHIN THE VICINITY OF A MILLS ACT PROPERTY. THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE WORKED  
16 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND THE REGIONAL  
17 PLANNING COMMISSION. ON DECEMBER 14 OF 2012, THIS ORDINANCE  
18 WAS PRESENTED TO THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION, WHICH PASSED A  
19 UNANIMOUS MOTION OF SUPPORT. ON MARCH 27, 2013, THE REGIONAL  
20 PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING AND PASSED A  
21 UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION THAT RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF THIS  
22 ORDINANCE. AND FOR THE RECORD, STAFF HAS RECEIVED ONE COMMENT  
23 LETTER FROM I.C.F. INTERNATIONAL AND CONCURS WITH THESE  
24 COMMENTS, WHICH CAN BE ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL PREPARATION OF  
25 THE ORDINANCE. AND IT STILL REMAINS CONSISTENT WITH THE



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1 BOARD'S INTENT. AND AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF OTHER SUCCESSFUL  
2 PROGRAMS WITH INPUT FROM BOTH COMMISSIONS, THE DEPARTMENT  
3 BELIEVES THIS ORDINANCE WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT TOOL IN  
4 PROMOTING NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT WHILE PROTECTING IMPORTANT  
5 HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE COUNTY. AND, FINALLY, TO UPDATE THE  
6 BOARD, STAFF IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A LOCAL PRESERVATION  
7 ORDINANCE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WILL RETURN OVER  
8 THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WITH THAT. MR. CHAIRMAN, THIS CONCLUDES  
9 OUR DEPARTMENT STATEMENT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO WISH  
12 TO BE HEARD. WE BEGIN WITH LOUIS SKELTON FOLLOWED BY MARCELLO  
13 VAVALA, ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE.

14

15 **LOIUS SKELTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LOUIS SKELTON, I'M HERE TO  
16 SPEAK AS THE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LANDMARKS AND  
17 RECORDS COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS  
18 PROJECT, OR SIMILAR PROJECTS, FOR QUITE A WHILE IN MY LONG  
19 TERM ON THE COMMISSION, AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT IN THE  
20 MEMORY OF DAVID CAMERON WHO WAS VERY MUCH A LEADER IN GETTING  
21 THIS PROJECT STARTED WHILE I WAS ON THE BOARD, WHEN I FIRST  
22 BECAME A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. THE MILLS ACT WILL PROVIDE  
23 AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT. IT WILL  
24 PROVIDE FOR AN OPPORTUNITY OF RESTORING PROPERTIES THAT MAY  
25 OTHERWISE NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO BE BROUGHT BACK



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1 TO A CONDITION THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO  
2 THE COMMISSION VOTED IN DECEMBER, AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, TO  
3 SUPPORT WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND THIS  
4 MOVE FORWARD. AT THIS TIME, THE COMMISSION ALSO HAS FOUND THAT  
5 IT WILL BE INCREASING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS A RESULT OF THE  
6 REVIEW OF THE APPLICATIONS. AND THE COMMISSION HAS AGREED TO  
7 THAT RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL. AT THIS TIME, THERE'S ONLY ONE  
8 REGISTERED LANDMARK IN THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY PROPERTIES AND  
9 THAT'S THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. AND I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY  
10 ISSUES WITH THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL BEING LOST, BUT THERE ARE MANY  
11 OTHER PROPERTIES THAT HAVE EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE HISTORICALLY  
12 THAT NEED TO BE PRESERVED SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
13 ATTENTION ON THIS MATTER.

14  
15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
16 SIR?

17  
18 **MARCELLO VAVALA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
19 MARCELLO VAVALA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATE WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
20 CONSERVANCY. THE CONSERVANCY SUPPORTS THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO  
21 ESTABLISH AND OFFER THE MILLS ACT PROGRAM THE SINGLE MOST  
22 IMPORTANT ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AVAILABLE TO OWNERS OF HISTORIC  
23 PROPERTIES IN CALIFORNIA. BY ADOPTING THE MILLS ACT PROGRAM,  
24 THE COUNTY WILL JOIN MORE THAN 20 OTHER JURISDICTIONS  
25 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY THAT CURRENTLY OFFER THIS INCENTIVE.



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1 THE CONSERVANCY APPLAUDS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY  
2 SUPERVISORS AND THE HARD WORK OF REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF IN  
3 RESEARCHING AND DRAFTING THE MILLS ACT ORDINANCE. WE LOOK  
4 FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN  
5 ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM. THANK  
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
9 FINAL SPEAKER TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
12 JUST TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT THE LAST GENTLEMAN MENTIONED, HE  
13 MENTIONED 20 OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE A MILLS ACT PROGRAM.  
14 WHERE YOU BEEN? WHEN WAS THE LAST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN  
15 INITIATING A MILLS ACT PROGRAM? WAS IT FIVE YEARS AGO, TWO  
16 YEARS AGO, THREE YEARS AGO? WHATEVER IT WAS, THERE'S A GAP  
17 BETWEEN THOSE COMMUNITIES AND THE COUNTY ACTING. SO WHERE YOU  
18 BEEN? I MEAN, WHY HAVE YOU NOT BEEN THE LEADERS THAT YOU CLAIM  
19 TO BE AND ESTABLISH THE MILLS ACT PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY WHEN  
20 THESE OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE HAD MILLS ACT PROGRAMS UP AND  
21 RUNNING FOR HOW MANY YEARS? FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN, TWENTY, AS  
22 LONG AS SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD, MAYBE EVEN AS LONG  
23 AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN ON -- AVAILABLE FOR  
24 COMMUNITIES TO USE TO HELP MAINTAIN HISTORICAL PROPERTIES. SO  
25 AGAIN, 20 COMMUNITIES, YOU'RE NOT QUITE BRINGING UP THE REAR,





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1 BUT YOU'RE 21. AND YOU SHOULD BE IN THE TOP FIVE. SO MY  
2 QUESTION IS: WHERE YOU BEEN?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN TCOUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
7 DISTRICT 3. AND I HAVE TO SAY THE MILLS ACT IS OF GREAT  
8 INTEREST TO ME. I FIND THIS VERY EXCITING. I SEE THIS AS BOTH  
9 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHAIR AND REGIONAL PLANNING TO FINALLY  
10 EMBRACE ONE ANOTHER IN THE WAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR  
11 BECAUSE I REMEMBER IT WAS A YEAR PLUS AGO THAT MARK RIDLEY-  
12 THOMAS SUGGESTED WHAT IS THE STORY? LET'S GET THAT MILLS ACT  
13 ROLLING. AND HERE WE ARE I BELIEVE IT'S ONE OR A LITTLE BIT  
14 MORE THAN ONE YEAR LATER AND WE ARE ABOUT TO ROLL OUT A VERY,  
15 VERY EXCITING PROGRAM THAT'S GOING TO HELP L.A. COUNTY  
16 COMMUNITIES AND LET ME EXPLAIN HOW. BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
17 OLDER BUILDINGS THAT ARE WORTH PRESERVING ARE GOING TO RECEIVE  
18 A SMALL TAX BREAK, BUT THE COST OF THAT TAX BREAK IS GOING TO  
19 BE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE INCREASE IN VALUE OF THE  
20 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT SURROUND THOSE NICE PROPERTIES, IF I HAVE  
21 THAT CORRECT. AND I DO THINK THAT REAL ESTATE VALUES ARE  
22 COMING BACK. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD PLAN. I THINK IT'S FAIR  
23 AND REASONABLE. AND I SUPPORT IT 100 PERCENT. SO THANK YOU FOR  
24 ALL OF YOUR TIME.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
2    TESTIMONY. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER BEFORE  
3    US. MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE MILLS ACT ALLOWS QUALIFYING OWNERS  
4    TO RECEIVE A PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION, AND USE THE SAVINGS TO  
5    REHABILITATE, RESTORE, AND MAINTAIN THEIR BUILDINGS. IT HAS  
6    ALREADY BEEN STATED BY STAFF AND IT'S WORTH ME STATING THAT  
7    THIS IS PERHAPS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC INCENTIVE  
8    PROGRAM OF ITS SORT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT IS FOR  
9    RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS FOR PRIVATE  
10   PROPERTY OWNERS. IT WAS IN 1996 THAT I SERVED ON THE LOS  
11   ANGELES CITY COUNCIL THAT I INTRODUCED SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO  
12   ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL MILLS ACT PROGRAM; AND SINCE  
13   THAT TIME, SOME 600 OR SO PROPERTIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE  
14   PROGRAM. WE ANTICIPATE MANY, MANY MORE WILL BENEFIT FROM THAT  
15   WHICH THE BOARD DOES TODAY. AND SO WITH THAT, LET ME JUST  
16   SIMPLY READ THE MOTION THAT NEEDS TO BE A PART OF THE RECORD  
17   AND ASK FOR UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US.  
18   THERE ARE NUMEROUS HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE  
19   UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT MUST BE  
20   APPROPRIATELY PRESERVED IN ORDER TO SHOWCASE THE COUNTY'S  
21   HERITAGE, PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGE  
22   NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION. HOWEVER, THIS WILL NOT BE  
23   SUFFICIENTLY DONE WITHOUT ECONOMIC INCENTIVES. MILLS ACT IS  
24   CONSIDERED TO BE THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC INCENTIVE  
25   PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE RESTORATION, PRESERVATION AND



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1 MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS BY PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.  
2 THIS TIME-TESTED STRATEGY PROVIDES DEDICATED RESOURCES FOR  
3 PROPERTY OWNERS TO PROTECT CONSERVE AND REHABILITATE  
4 BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND OTHER IMPORTANT HISTORIC AND  
5 CULTURAL RESOURCES THEREBY PROMOTING DIRECT REINVESTMENT IN  
6 OLDER COMMUNITIES. EXPERIENCE IN CITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
7 HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE INCENTIVES AVAILABLE THROUGH A MILLS  
8 ACT PROGRAM HELP ADVANCE A RANGE OF PUBLIC BENEFITS INCLUDING  
9 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, JOB CREATION,  
10 PROMOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AS WELL AS TOURISM-RELATED  
11 ACTIVITY. IT IS TIME THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUT IN  
12 PLACE A PROGRAM THAT CAN BENEFIT AND ENHANCE UNINCORPORATED  
13 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE  
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE MILLS ACT  
15 ORDINANCE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILLS ACT PROGRAM IS  
16 EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT  
17 TO THE SPECIFIED CODE, TWO, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE  
18 DRAFT ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
19 COMMISSION TO AMEND TITLE 22 OF THE COUNTY CODE, THAT IS TO  
20 ESTABLISH A MILLS ACT PROGRAM AND SET APPLICABLE FEES; THREE,  
21 INDICATE ITS INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 OF  
22 THE COUNTY CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION TO  
23 COMMENT ON APPLICATION MATERIALS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE MILLS  
24 ACT PROGRAM; FOUR, INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 REGIONAL PLANNING TO DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET THAT



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1 COULD BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING'S  
2 WEBSITE TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MILLS  
3 ACT PROGRAM AND FINALLY, FIVE, INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
4 PREPARE THE FINAL ORDINANCES AMENDING TITLE 22 OF THE COUNTY  
5 CODE AND TITLE 3 OF THE COUNTY CODE AND BRING THEM BACK TO THE  
6 BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE  
7 ACTION. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU. ARE  
8 THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO BE NOTED?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAVE A QUESTION.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** IN THE ACTUAL ORDINANCE WHEN IT COMES BACK, THE  
15 FEE STRUCTURE WILL BE THERE, WHAT THE ACTUAL FEES ARE?

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17 **PHILIP ESTES:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS  
20 OR COMMENTS? ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? PLEASE RECORD A  
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. AND WITH THANKS TO THE REGIONAL  
22 PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR ITS GOOD WORK ON THIS MATTER. WE THANK  
23 YOU, MR. BRUCKNER AND STAFF, FOR THAT WHICH YOU HAVE DONE TO  
24 ADVANCE THIS EFFORT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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1   **LORAYNE LINGAT:** YOU MAY WISH TO GO TO SPECIALS AND  
2   ADJOURNMENTS.

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4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THOSE  
5   ITEMS THAT ARE TO BE HEARD AS PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LAND USE-  
6   RELATED ACTIVITIES. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO SPECIALS. WE START  
7   WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ANY SPECIALS  
8   OR ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION.  
11   I MOVE WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF BILL LANSFORD, A  
12   LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO RECENTLY PASSED  
13   AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS BORN IN EAST LOS ANGELES,  
14   DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE DEPRESSION AND JOINED  
15   THE F.D.R. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORE PROGRAM AND BECAME A  
16   LUMBER JACK AND LATER A DYNAMITER FOR ROAD PROJECTS. AT THE  
17   OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II HE ENLISTED IN THE MARINES WHERE SAW  
18   ACTION IN THE BATTLES OF MIDWAY, GUADALCANAL AND BOUGANVILLE,  
19   AND TOOK PART IN THE LANDING IN IWO JIMA WHERE HE WAS WOUNDED  
20   AND EARNED A PURPLE HEART. AFTER THE WAR HE ATTENDED COLLEGE  
21   ON THE GI BILL AND BECAME FIRST CIVILIAN JOURNALIST FOR THE  
22   L.A. "DAILY NEWS" AND LATER REENLISTED TO BECOME AN ARMED  
23   FORCES BROADCASTER AND MILITARY JOURNALIST. AFTER LEAVING THE  
24   SERVICE, HE WENT ON TO WRITE FOR MAJOR MAGAZINES LIKE "THE  
25   SATURDAY EVENING POST" AND "COLLIER'S." HIS BIOGRAPHY OF



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1 PONCHO VILLA WAS ADAPTED INTO A MOVIE. LATER STILL HE WROTE  
2 FOR MANY POPULAR TV PROGRAMS IN THE 1970S AND 1980S. HE WAS  
3 PRESIDENT OF THE OBREGON MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION DEDICATED  
4 TO ERECTING A MONUMENT AT EL PUEBLO IN LOS ANGELES TO THE 40  
5 LATINO CONGRESSIONAL HONOR RECIPIENTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
6 WIFE RUTH, FOUNDER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION FRIENDS  
7 OF THE BALLONA WETLANDS. TWO SONS WILLIAM AND MATTHEW, OTHER  
8 FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AND FELLOW  
9 VETERANS. MR. CHAIRMAN, I ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM NEWS REPORTS  
10 YESTERDAY THAT HARRY BIRRELL, FORMER BROADCASTER FOR KNX  
11 RADIO, ANCHORMAN I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN-- YOU DID THAT ONE?  
12 OKAY. I BELIEVE ALL MEMBERS SHOULD BE ON THAT. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
15 KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
19 OF VALOIS EDWARDS PRINCE WHO PASSED AWAY IN HER HOME ON MAY  
20 21ST AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 69. AND SHE ATTENDED MAYFAIR HIGH  
21 SCHOOL. GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH. SHE WORKED AT  
22 MAYFAIR. HER FIRST AND FOREMOST JOB WAS A LOVING HOMEMAKER.  
23 HER FAMILY ALWAYS CAME FIRST. HER FAITH IN GOD WAS HER  
24 STRENGTH STRENGTH WHILE BATTLING CANCER ON AND OFF OVER THE  
25 YEARS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 48 YEARS, LARRY. TWO





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1 CHILDREN, LORI AND STEPHEN. TWO BROTHERS, JIM, A GOOD FRIEND  
2 OF MINE, AND JOHN, JR. AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN ALONG WITH MANY  
3 COUSINS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO  
4 KNEW HER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONDI ATKINS, A  
5 RESIDENT OF CITY OF SAN GABRIEL WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST  
6 WEEKEND AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WORKED FOR  
7 MUELLER REALTY. WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAN GABRIEL CHAMBER OF  
8 COMMERCE. VERY ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE PARK DE ANZA CONDO  
9 ASSOCIATION WHERE SHE LIVED FOR MANY YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
10 HER SON MICHAEL, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
11 IN THE SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITY, WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY  
12 EVERYONE WHOSE LIVES SHE TOUCHED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
13 MEMORY OF MABEL CASTRO, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF WILLMINGTON AND  
14 PETER PAPADAKIS FROM THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE WHO  
15 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE ENJOYED CROSSWORD PUZZLES, BOOKS,  
16 GARDENING, BOWLING, INCLUDING PLAYING THE NICKEL SLOTS AT THE  
17 CASINOS WITH HER FRIENDS. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR  
18 HER KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR AND HER SHARP WITTEDESS. SHE IS  
19 SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN, DEBORAH, JOHN, ERNIE, ANNE AND  
20 VALERIE, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO  
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BOERSMA, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF  
22 PARAMOUNT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. HE HAD HIS OWN  
23 ACCOUNTING TAX SERVICES FOR YEARS. HE BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN IN  
24 1955. HE ALSO JOINED THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THAT  
25 YEAR IN '56 AND JOINED ROTARY AND BECAME A MEMBER OF THE



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1 CHAMBER. FROM THE TIME HE SETTLED IN PARAMOUNT, HE WAS A VERY  
2 ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
3 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BEATRICE, EIGHT CHILDREN, TWO  
4 STEPCHILDREN, NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.  
5 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AMADOR ESPINOSA, LIFELONG  
6 RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY SURROUNDED BY HIS  
7 FAMILY ON MAY 9. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS 1943-45 TOOK  
8 PART IN 30 BOMBING MISSIONS. HIS CAREER WAS WITH THE LONG  
9 BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SERVING EIGHT CHIEFS OVER HIS 37-  
10 YEAR CAREER. HE CAME BACK TO REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
11 AS A VOLUNTEER WHERE HE SERVED FOR 19 YEARS. BEEN AN ACTIVE  
12 MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 56 YEARS. HE WAS A DEDICATED  
13 AND LOYAL MEMBER TO THE REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE IS  
14 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, PAUL AND KATHLEEN, STEVEN AND FOUR  
15 GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM  
16 DOUGLAS LANSFORD WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 90.  
17 JOINED THE MARINE CORPS IN 1940 AND STATIONED IN ICELAND WHEN  
18 PEARL HARBOR WAS BOMBED. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE UNDER THE GI BILL  
19 AND BECAME A REPORTER FOR THE LOS ANGELES "DAILY NEWS." HE,  
20 AFTER A BRIEF CAREER THERE, HE WENT ON TO A WRITING CAREER  
21 WITH THE ARMED FORCES RADIO SERVICE WHERE HE WROTE MANY  
22 MILITARY NETWORK SHOWS FROM THE BATTLE OF THE WHITE HORSE  
23 MOUNTAINS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR. HE WAS DEDICATED TO  
24 ERECTING THE MONUMENT AT EL PUEBLO IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE 40  
25 LATINO AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, WILLIAM, JR. AND MATTHEW. THOSE ARE  
2 MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HARRY  
8 BIRRELL WHO WAS THE LONGTIME KNX AND ALSO HAD BEEN ON KFVB  
9 NEWS REPORTER AND NEWS AND ANCHOR, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
10 OF 85, ALL MEMBERS. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF MIAMI UNIVERSITY  
11 PRIOR TO WORKING AT KNX IN 1968. HE WAS A REGULAR WEEKDAY  
12 ANCHOR UNTIL 1993, RECEIVING THE GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS BY THE  
13 RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
14 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON WALKER. HE HAD A GREAT VOICE. HE  
15 WAS A GOOD MAN AND A FAIR NEWS REPORTER. HE COVERED ALL OF US  
16 AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. HE WAS JUST A TRUE PROFESSIONAL. DR.  
17 TIM SIU, WHO PASSED AWAY LONG TIME RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA AT THE  
18 AGE OF 86 UNEXPECTEDLY. HE WAS ANESTHESIOLOGIST AND SERVED ON  
19 THE BOARD OF COUNSELORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
20 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR  
21 THE DISASTER COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. HE WAS  
22 PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN PHYSICIAN SOCIETY OF  
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANNIE AND THEIR  
24 THREE CHILDREN HIS DAUGHTER SUSAN, TINA AND JENNIFER. HE WAS  
25 ALSO GOVERNOR OF ROTARIANS. AND JUST A REAL COMMUNITY-



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1 ORIENTED, WONDERFUL MAN AND A GOOD COMMUNITY LEADER. FRANCIS  
2 MCNAMARA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HE SERVED IN BOTH THE  
3 KOREAN AND WORLD WAR II AS A NAVAL OFFICER RETIRING AS A  
4 LIEUTENANT. HE CHAIRED THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY  
5 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED WAY, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL  
6 OF SOCIAL WORK AND TRUSTEE OF THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
7 FOUNDATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON FRANCIS AND DAUGHTER  
8 KATHLEEN. MARY WILLIAMS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT. PASSED AWAY ON MAY 10TH. ADOLF ADDIE FIX, PASSED  
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS A DECORATED B17 CREW MEMBER  
11 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE LEAVES HIS TWO SONS. LLOYD WILFORD  
12 JAMES, ALSO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88, A WORLD WAR II  
13 VETERAN WHO LEAVES HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS. THOSE ARE MY  
14 ADJOURNMENTS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, SIR. WE CAN PROCEED, THEN,  
19 TO THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA, WHICH WOULD BE PUBLIC COMMENT.  
20 IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER, PLEASE. MELIKE AMJARV-DEWEY, ASTRID  
21 LENKE-HARNEY, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, IRENE PANG. LYNETTE  
22 LUCAS. PETER WANG. AND TERRY SIGMUND. IF YOU WOULD COME  
23 FORWARD IN THE ORDER IN WHICH YOU WERE CALLED FOR THE TIME  
24 WE'D BE APPRECIATIVE. THANK YOU. MA'AM? MA'AM? YOUR NAME?

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1   **MELIKE AMJARV-DEWEY:** YES. MALIKE ARJARV-DEWEY.

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3   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. PLEASE  
4   PROCEED.

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6   **MELIKE AMJARV-DEWEY:** ON MY PROPERTY, PARCELL NUMBER  
7   4416202417737 [INAUDIBLE] ROAD, LOS ANGELES, 90272, HAS BEEN,  
8   THIS PROPERTY HAS ATTACHED BRUSH CLEARANCES THAT HAVE BEEN  
9   MADE ON OTHER PROPERTIES BUT THEY CHARGED THIS WITH TAXES ON  
10   MY PROPERTY. IN 2008, THEY CHARGED 2,656 ON BRUSH CLEARANCE  
11   THAT DIDN'T BELONG TO THIS PROPERTY. IN 2010, THEY CHARGED  
12   2,076 ON BRUSH CLEARANCE AND CUTTING THE TREES THAT WERE CUT  
13   DOWN ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTY. AND NOW THEY ARE SAYING THAT I'M  
14   NOT PAYING THE TAXES. BUT I HAVE ALL RECEIPTS THAT I DID. I  
15   EVEN PAID FOR THEM TO FIGHT BACK. SO BASICALLY MY TIME IS UP,  
16   RIGHT?

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18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, YOU HAVE 54 MORE SECONDS.

19

20   **MELIKE AMJARV-DEWEY:** I PAID THAT 3,124 IN 2009. I PAID 811 IN  
21   2010. AND THEN ON 2010 WHEN THEY SENT ANOTHER ONE, I STOPPED.  
22   AND I STARTED FIGHTING BACK. I TOOK THE PHOTOS. I SHOWED THEM  
23   WHERE THEY CUT DOWN AND WHERE THEY TOOK THE GRASS. AND  
24   BASICALLY, THE A.R.S. PARAGRAPH 42 16254 SAYS THAT SAID THAT  
25   IF THE TAX OFFICER DOESN'T ADDRESS OR DOESN'T DISPUTE THE



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1 ERROR, THEN WITHIN 60 DAYS THAT CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE  
2 ERROR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL DIRECT THE COUNTY  
3 TREASURER TO CORRECT THE TAX ROLL. TIME EXPIRED.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
6 TESTIMONY. AND WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE, MA'AM?

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8 **MELIKE AMJARV-DEWEY:** I'M SORRY?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IN WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE?

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12 **MELIKE AMJARV-DEWEY:** THREE.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.  
15 ALL RIGHT. THAT MAKES TWO OF YOU. YOU'RE DOING WELL TODAY, MR.  
16 YAROSLAVSKY. WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE? ALL RIGHT. MR. PREVEN,  
17 YOU'VE BEEN HEREBY DEPUTIZED.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** THIS IS ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT WITH  
20 DISTRICT THREE. WOULD MR. KREIMANN PLEASE COME DOWNSTAIRS  
21 BECAUSE HE'S THE ONE WHO HAS TO HANDLE THIS ONE?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN  
24 TO DEPUTIZE YOU.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** HE'S THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM AND I ASSURE  
2 YOU HE WILL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS VERY QUICKLY. ASK MR.  
3 ANTONOVICH.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WILL SHOW NO RESTRAINT,  
6 ALRIGHT. SOMEONE WILL BE HERE TO ASSIST YOU WITH THE THIRD  
7 DISTRICT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SUPERVISOR. IF YOU COULD JUST  
8 HAVE A SEAT IN THE AUDIENCE, I ASSURE YOU, YOU WILL BE AIDED  
9 ABLY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF SHE WILL COME OVER HERE TO THE SIDE MR.  
12 BELLMAN.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** BELLMAN IS VERY GOOD.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. BELLMAN, YOU'VE BEEN  
17 ENDORSED BY MR. PREVEN.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE WE SHOULD FIND SOMEBODY ELSE.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE TURN IN YOUR RESIGNATION  
22 IMMEDIATELY.

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24 **ERIC PREVEN:** BELLMAN IS EXCELLENT AND IF YOU HAVE BLOOD TO BE  
25 DRAWN, HE IS THE MAN, I CAN ASSURE YOU OF THAT. HE IS A WORLD



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1 CLASS BLOOD DONOR. MAY I CONCLUDE MY REMARKS AS QUICKLY AS  
2 POSSIBLE, SIR, SO THERE IS NO FURTHER DELAY OR TEASING?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** [GAVEL]

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, EXACTLY. IN HONOR OF THE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS  
7 MILLS ACT COMMEMORATION TODAY, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY ONCE  
8 AGAIN THANK YOU, FOR ALL THE SUPERVISORS, FOR LENDING THE VOTE  
9 ON SUCH AN OBVIOUS WAY TO GO. SERIOUS, I HAVE SOME PROBLEMS IN  
10 AN ITEM THAT I WASN'T ALLOWED TO SQUEEZE INTO MY VOLUMINOUS  
11 REMARKS EARLIER WHICH IS REGARDING THE INFRAGARD SOLE-SOURCE  
12 CONTRACT THAT MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE MISS CLAVREUL DID  
13 REFERENCE. INFRAGARD IS NOW BEING BUMPED FROM 1.2 TO 2.5  
14 MILLION SOLE- SOURCE. I'M NOT EVEN CLEAR THAT THEY'RE  
15 PROVIDING A SERVICE. THESE ARE SORT OF F.B.I. GUYS WHO ARE  
16 KEEPING AN EYE ON POTENTIAL TARGETS. BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU,  
17 THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY FOR LIGHT NONDISCLOSEABLE SUPERVISION  
18 FROM A 501-(C) 3. SO I DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOULD GO FOR THAT, TO  
19 BE HONEST. SINCE WE HAVE OVER 1,000 PEOPLE IN THE HOMELAND  
20 SECURITY DIVISION HERE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE A  
21 LOT OF PEOPLE WORKING ON HOMELAND SECURITY, AND I DON'T KNOW.  
22 IT SMELLS FISHY TO ME, TO BE HONEST. I JUST WANT TO CLOSE ON  
23 WHERE WE STARTED, WHICH WAS THE CLOSED SESSION STORY. WE'RE  
24 LOOKING APPARENTLY FOR AN OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL DOWN  
25 HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MONITOR OUR JAIL VIOLENCE



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1 RECORD, WHICH IS BAD TO EXTRA BAD. I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT THAT  
2 SEARCH IS GOING FORWARD IN THE RIGHT WAY. IT'S ALL BEING DONE  
3 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. AND EVEN THERE, AS MR. FUJIOKA WILL  
4 CONFIRM, THERE'S SOME QUESTION AS TO WHY WE'RE MEETING CERTAIN  
5 PEOPLE UNDER THAT BANNER. I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND IT. I'VE  
6 ASKED FOR THE CLOSED SESSION THAT TOOK PLACE ON THAT MONDAY AT  
7 9 A.M., WHICH WAS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO EVADE PUBLIC SCRUTINY  
8 TO BE LOOKED AT MORE CLOSELY. I KNOW, THREE SECONDS, COUNT  
9 THEM DOWN. AND I JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF  
10 THAT BECAUSE IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATE  
11 IN OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE TAKE  
14 NOTE OF YOUR OWN EDITORIAL REMARK ABOUT YOUR VOLUMINOUS  
15 REMARKS. THEY WERE NOT VOLUMINOUS. THEY WERE REPETITIVE. THANK  
16 YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. PROCEED. MA'AM?

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18 **IRENE PANG:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. THE SUPERVISOR AND EVERYONE.  
19 I'M IRENE. I CONCERNED ABOUT 200 CARS VERY OFTEN AND  
20 CONTINUOUSLY ILLEGAL PARKING ON THE OTHERS' PROPERTY AND  
21 CONGREGATE THE PATIENCE AT PARKING LOT IN THE BUSINESS CENTER  
22 IN THE BUSINESS CLOSING HOURS AT THE NIGHTTIME. SIMILAR THE  
23 MATTER IS TIANANMEN SQUARE MATTER. I DON'T THINK ANY BUSINESS  
24 OR PROPERTY OWNERS ALL OF THEM THOSE 200 CARS PARKING.  
25 ACCORDING TO THE LAW THOSE 200 CARS AGAINST THE PARKING LEGAL



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1 USES OTHERS PROPERTY ALSO AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
2 UNITED STATES. I BELIEVE THOSE 200 CARS DRIVERS HAD ALL TRIED  
3 DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTIC. SECOND. I BELIEVE THAT THE VICTIMS  
4 IS MY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE FROM THE REVELATIONS EVEN THOUGH  
5 SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH THOSE CARS VICTIMS TOTALLY LOST THEM  
6 WHILE. THE VIOLATORS THEY TAKE FULLY RESPONSE. I CONCERNED HOW  
7 THE HEALTH THE PUBLIC LIKES. AND I ASK THEM ALSO IN THE PUBLIC  
8 ALL TOGETHER, THE THING, FIND A NEW WAY TO SHOOTING IS THE  
9 BETTER. THE OTHER THING ALSO I THINK MYSELF IS AFTER WELL AND  
10 TO BACK TO WORK. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
13 MA'AM. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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15 **ASTRID LENKE-HARNEY:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS ASTRID LENKE-HARNEY  
16 AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON AN ISSUE WITH THE D.C.F.S. I WAS  
17 INVOLVED IN A CASE 86916. JUST TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF HISTORY, I  
18 HAVE BEEN IN A HIGH CONFLICT CUSTODY BATTLE FOR THE LAST NINE  
19 YEARS WITH MY EX. I WAS IN JUVENILE COURT FOR A YEAR AND A  
20 HALF, YEARS FROM 3/11 TO 7/12. DURING THIS TIME MY SON WAS  
21 REMOVED FROM MY CUSTODY AND REMANDED TO HIS FATHER. DURING  
22 THIS TIME MY SON SUFFERED 10 SEIZURES AND THREE HOSPITAL  
23 VISITS. I MIGHT ALSO ADD THAT MY SON IS AUTISTIC. HE WAS  
24 COACHED BY HIS FATHER TO MAKE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME. THE  
25 D.C.F.S. TOOK THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND WENT AHEAD AND I HAD TO



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1 GO TO TRIAL. LET'S SEE. ON JULY 3RD, ALL CHARGES WERE DROPPED.  
2 AND MY CUSTODY WAS RESTORED. OF COURSE MY LIFE WAS IN RUIN.  
3 THE D.C.F.S. DID NOTHING AFTER THAT OTHER THAN TO LEAVE ME TO  
4 FIND MY WAY, BASICALLY. SINCE THEN I HAVE STRUGGLED WITH MY  
5 LIFE TO HEAL TIME LOST WITH MY SON AND ALL DURING THE TRIAL I  
6 WAS UNABLE TO WORK. I WAS UNEMPLOYED FOR OVER TWO YEARS. I  
7 BEGAN TO WORK PART-TIME FOR MINIMUM WAGE. PRIOR TO THAT I WAS  
8 MAKING A SALARY OF 50,000 DOLLARS A YEAR. MY LIFE WAS MAKING A  
9 RECOVERY UP UNTIL LAST FRIDAY, MAY 24TH. I WAS VISITED BY THE  
10 D.C.F.S. AGAIN, GIVEN NOTICE THAT AGAIN WITH CHARGES AGAINST  
11 ME OF MOLESTING MY SON, A CHILD WITH AUTISM. THIS IS A HIGH  
12 CONFLICT DIVORCE, OKAY? WHAT IS GOING ON? WHY IS MY EX ALLOWED  
13 TO USE THE D.C.F.S. IN THIS WAY? WHO IS GOING TO HOLD THEM  
14 RESPONSIBLE? I WANT AN INVESTIGATION DONE. I WANT AN  
15 INVESTIGATION DONE BY THE POLICE, BY THE F.B.I.. I WANT THE  
16 TRUTH TO BE REVEALED IN THIS SITUATION. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
19 MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **TERRY SIGMUND:** ALSO JUST TO ADD, I'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH HER.  
22 AND I HAVE BEEN PART OF THE CASE, SO TO SPEAK. AND THE COURT-  
23 APPOINTED EXPERT IN HER CASE FOUND THE CHILD TO BE AN  
24 UNRELIABLE REPORTER. AND IT TOOK 1-1/2 YEARS LAST TIME FOR HER  
25 TO CLEAR HER NAME. AND NOTHING HAS CHANGED. THE FATHER NEVER



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1 GOT ANY CONSEQUENCES FOR DOING WHAT HE'S DOING. AND WHAT'S  
2 REALLY INTERESTING IS THE CHILD APPARENTLY ONLY MAKES THESE  
3 STATEMENTS TO PEOPLE THAT ARE PLACED BY HIS FATHER, BECAUSE  
4 THE FATHER HAS MONEY. STRANGELY ENOUGH, THIS WOMAN HAS SO MANY  
5 PEOPLE IN HER LIFE THAT ARE PART OF HER SON'S LIFE AND NOBODY  
6 EVER HEARS THESE STORIES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHEN I FIRST  
7 WAS, BECAUSE SHE'S GERMAN, I'M GERMAN, WHEN I FIRST GOT TO  
8 MEET THE BOY, I WANTED TO KNOW MYSELF. AND I TALKED TO HIM. HE  
9 WAS IN OUR SWIMMING POOL PLAYING WITH MY SON, THE ONE THAT I'M  
10 ALLOWED TO KEEP BECAUSE HE'S NOT ADOPTABLE BECAUSE HE'S TOO  
11 OLD. AND I ASKED HIM FACE-TO-FACE, I TALKED TO HIM FOR A LONG  
12 TIME. AND I SAID, "DILLON, IF ANY OF THESE THINGS ARE TRUE, I  
13 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW" BECAUSE GERMAN OR NOT, THE LAST THING I  
14 WOULD EVER DO IS WANT TO FACILITATE SOMETHING HORRIFIC LIKE  
15 THAT. AND HE CONFESSED TO ME THAT IT WASN'T TRUE. AND I ASKED  
16 HIM "WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?" "OH, MY FATHER MAKES ME." AND,  
17 FRANKLY, IF IT TOOK LAST TIME ONE AND A HALF YEARS LAST TIME  
18 TO CLEAR HER NAME, NOW THEY CAME TO HER DOOR WITH NO PAPER  
19 WORK, NOTHING, AND JUST DO THIS TO HER AGAIN AFTER THEY HAVE  
20 DESTROYED HER? THIS WOMAN IS NOT HERSELF. SHE'S A SHADOW OF  
21 HERSELF. AND YOU GUYS SIT HERE WITH ZERO INTEREST. AND YOU'RE  
22 GOING TO PUT HIM TO ALSO HE ALREADY TOLD HER HE KNOWS IT'S NOT  
23 ABOUT THAT. HE'S NOT GOING TO DO NOTHING, NOBODY IS GOING TO  
24 DO ANYTHING. THIS IS ALL TAXPAYERS' MONEY. AND TO MENTION IN  
25 MY OWN CASE, YOU STILL HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING ABOUT RELIGIOUS





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1 RIGHTS. THE D.C.F.S. ARE STILL DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON MY  
2 VISITATION WITH THE [INAUDIBLE] CENTER AND YOU'RE DOING  
3 NOTHING AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO YOU WILL SEND THAT CAN  
4 ACTUALLY HELP ME OR HER OR ANYBODY.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
7 WE WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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9 **TERRY SIGMUND:** THAT'S A NONRESPONSIVE NO.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

12

13 **LYNETTE LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME THE LYNETTE LUCAS. I  
14 ACTUALLY HAVE A PROGRAM THAT I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE  
15 D.C.F.S. FOR. AND I'M ASKING THIS BOARD TO POSSIBLY LOOK INTO  
16 IT SO THAT YOU CAN EXTEND IT THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
17 ALSO THE D.C.F.S. IS LOOKING TO POSSIBLY BRING IT DOWN TO  
18 ELEMENTARY KIDS. IT'S A PROGRAM FOR FOSTER STUDENTS. AND I'VE  
19 BEEN A TEACHER FOR 12 YEARS, AN ADMINISTRATOR FOR 2-1/2. AND  
20 I'VE SEEN THESE KIDS NOT BE ABLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. [CRYING]  
21 AND I'M SORRY, I'M SO EMOTIONAL. I DID NOT REALIZE THAT WHEN I  
22 CAME UP HERE, THIS WOULD HAPPEN. YOU HAVE A PROGRAM THAT IS  
23 WORKING. AND UNFORTUNATELY NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT IT. TEACHERS  
24 DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT. IT NEEDS TO GET OUT TO THE EDUCATIONAL  
25 COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT EXPAND THROUGH LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE THIS BOARD TO POSSIBLY -- IT WAS A  
2 PROGRAM STARTED BY GLORIA MOLINA, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND. IT  
3 IS A PROGRAM WHERE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE GETTING TUTORED.  
4 AND THEY'RE GETTING GUIDANCE TO GET INTO COLLEGE. AS YOU KNOW,  
5 50 PERCENT OF -- LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF OUR FOSTER KIDS ARE  
6 GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL. MANY OF THEM ARE AGING OUT AT  
7 SOMETIMES 16 AND 18 AND ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS. THIS  
8 PROGRAM IS WORKING. [CRYING] I'M SORRY. I'M ASKING YOU TO LOOK  
9 INTO THIS PROGRAM TO GET SOME PUBLICITY ON IT SO THAT WE CAN  
10 MAYBE SHIFT SOME GOVERNMENT FUNDS. THERE ARE HOMES FOR FOSTER  
11 KIDS THAT THEY RECEIVE 5,000 TO 6,000 DOLLARS PER CHILD. AND I  
12 UNDERSTAND THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS A MORATORIUM ON HOMES BECAUSE  
13 WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE AN INSTITUTIONALIZED, MAY I HAVE AN AN  
14 ADDITIONAL 20 SECONDS? INSTITUTIONALIZED. AND SO WHEN I FOUND  
15 THIS INFORMATION OUT THAT WE HAVE A PROGRAM THAT'S ACTUALLY  
16 WORKING, THEY HAVE IMPROVED BY 75 PERCENT HIGH SCHOOL KIDS  
17 THAT ARE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL. AND THEY NOW HAVE I THINK  
18 IT'S OVER 70 PERCENT OF THOSE KIDS GOING TO A FOUR-YEAR  
19 COLLEGE. THAT'S HUGE FOR FOSTER KIDS. SO I WOULD ASK -- I WILL  
20 PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH MORE INFORMATION ON EXACTLY THIS  
21 PROGRAM, BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD LOOK IN SUPPORTING IT  
22 BECAUSE IT'S GREAT THAT WE FINALLY HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S  
23 WORKING FOR THESE KIDS, THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY  
2    AND WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. SACHS, PLEASE.

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4    **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, THANK YOU, YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD  
5    SACHS. AND, AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO TOUCH ON THE MOMENTOUS OCCASION  
6    OF LAST THURSDAY'S METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
7    MEETING. I'VE BEEN COMING TO BOARD MEETINGS SINCE 2006 AND '08  
8    AND GOING TO METRO MEETINGS SINCE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME  
9    AND NEVER, EVER, EVER, EVER, NEVER HAVE I EVER HEARD  
10   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AWARD THE WINNER DESIGNATION TO ANYBODY  
11   ON ANY BOARD. AND YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ARE NOW A  
12   WINNER FOR YOUR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAMERD PARK  
13   STATION. AND I CONGRATULATE YOU. I CONGRATULATED YOU WHEN YOU  
14   BROUGHT THE MOTION UP TWO YEARS AGO. I EVEN MENTIONED AT THE  
15   M.T.A. BOARD HOW GOOD YOUR LANGUAGE WAS IN NOT IF, BUT WHEN.  
16   BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE HAPPENED AT THAT MEETING? IT WAS ON  
17   THE CONSENT CALENDAR, YOU DIDN'T PULL IT AND THE PEOPLE WHO  
18   CAME TO SIGN UP FOR IT WANTED A CHANCE TO SPEAK ON THE CONSENT  
19   CALENDAR BUT THEY ONLY SPOKE PUBLIC COMMENT SO YOU BASICALLY  
20   STABBED THEM IN THE BACK. I REMEMBER THAT. BUT WHAT'S  
21   IMPORTANT IS THERE WAS A LOT OF REFERENCE AT THE METRO MEETING  
22   ABOUT LAMERD PARK BEING A CULTURAL CENTER OF ACTIVITY. IT  
23   REFERENCED TO MARIACHI PLAZA AND SOME OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE  
24   METRO PLAN. THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE WAS -- AND SOME PEOPLE EVEN  
25   MENTIONED THAT IT WAS WORLD FAMOUS, KNOWN IN MADRID, KNOWN IN



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1 SPAIN, KNOWN IN FRANCE. THE ONLY PLACE THAT LEIMERT PARK  
2 REALLY WASN'T KNOWN WAS IN L.A. BECAUSE IT WASN'T CONSIDERED  
3 AS PART OF THE ORIGINAL CRENSHAW LINE. HOW COULD THAT BE? AND  
4 NOW YOU'VE FOUND 80 MILLION DOLLARS AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT  
5 BECAUSE IN THREE MORE DAYS I HAVE TO BUY ANOTHER METRO BUS  
6 PASS. AND THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT RAISING THE FARE AGAIN.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EIGHTY MILLION DOLLARS, I CERTAINLY HOPE YOU  
11 FIND MONEY TO MAINTAIN THE FARES.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE WAS  
14 NO SENSE THAT THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUE  
15 FELT STABBED IN ANY PART OF THEIR ANATOMY, MR. SACHS. THE FACT  
16 OF THE MATTER IS I THINK THERE WAS GREAT REASON FOR THEM TO  
17 FEEL APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE HEARD EARLY IN  
18 THE MEETING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED TO  
19 THE BALANCE.

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21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON  
22 THE ITEM 7 OF TODAY'S AGENDA. AGENDA ITEM 7 HAS BEEN GOING  
23 THROUGH THE REGULAR HEARING AND ALSO THE COUNTY PLANNING  
24 COMMISSION. AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ABOUT THE  
25 APPEALING PROCESS AND THE APPELLANTS KNOW THE INFORMATION. THE



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1 FIRST COMMENT IS THE APPELLANTS FALSIFIED APPEALING  
2 INFORMATION WITHOUT PENALTY. AS THE FIRST APPEAL AND  
3 INVESTIGATOR APPELLANTS NO INFORMATION WITH RESIDENCY AND ALL  
4 THE SIGNATURE HE COLLECTED. AND ACTUALLY 80 PERCENT OF THE  
5 INFORMATION THAT HE COLLECT WAS FALSE. HOWEVER, UNDER THE  
6 APPEAL FORM, THERE'S NOT ANY PENALTY CLAUSE. IN OTHER WORDS,  
7 HE CAN PROVIDE ANY KIND OF INFORMATION BUT STILL GET TO THE  
8 APPEAL. AND DELAY THE BUSINESS, NO APPLICATION PROCESS. THE  
9 NUMBER TO COMMENT IS THE APPELLANT APPEALS THE COUNTY  
10 PROCEDURE TO DELAY THE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS APPLICATION WITHOUT  
11 THE PENALTY. THE APPELLANT APPEALED TO BE A BUSINESS IN THE  
12 SAME VICINITY AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED IS HE DOESN'T WANT TO  
13 KNOW THE COMPETITION. SO HE USED THE COUNTY PROCEDURE TO  
14 CONTINUE DELAY THE PROCESS. HOWEVER, WITHOUT ANY PENALTY BY  
15 PROVIDING FALSIFIED INFORMATION. AND NUMBER THREE COMMENT THAT  
16 WE LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IS THAT WHEN THIS APPEAL PROCESS  
17 HOWEVER GIVES THE APPELLANT A PROPER RIGHT TO APPEAL THE NO  
18 COUNTY DECISION BUT DID NOT GIVE THE APPLICANT A PROPER  
19 RECOURCES AND REBUTTAL AND TO FIGHT FOR EXTENSION. AS WE KNOW  
20 HE USING HIS THE ABSENCE AS DELAYING THE PROCESS. SO I HOPE  
21 THAT WE CAN FIND SOME WAY TO CORRECT THAT AND IN ORDER TO GIVE  
22 THE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS OWNER A RIGHT TO FIGHT THESE FALSIFIED  
23 APPEALS. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
2    SIR. AND WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE OR IS THE CONCERN BEING  
3    RAISED?

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5    **SPEAKER:** IT WAS DISTRICT 4.

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7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE IS QUITE  
8    CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, AND HE WILL HAVE YOU SPEAK WITH ONE OF  
9    HIS STAFF PEOPLE. JUST FIND YOURSELF AT THE DOOR RIGHT HERE  
10    AND SOMEONE WILL COME AND SPEAK WITH YOU, ARIGHT?

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12    **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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14    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THANK  
15    YOU VERY MUCH. TEMO?.

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17    **TEMO BUENROSTRO:** THAT'S ME. YEAH. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT YOUNG  
18    GABRIEL FERNANDEZ. AND IT IS ALWAYS A SAD SITUATION TO HEAR  
19    THAT A YOUNG CHILD WAS KILLED. BUT IT IS HARDER TO HEAR THAT  
20    IT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. YOUNG GABRIEL FERNANDEZ WAS  
21    BEING CARED FOR BY A CASEWORKER, OR SO WE THOUGHT, KILLED IN  
22    THE WORST WAY SOMEBODY CAN BE KILLED YOUNG, DEFENSIVE CHILD  
23    BEATEN TO DEATH. HIS CASEWORKER DOES NOT DESERVE TO GET  
24    SUSPENDED OR EVEN FIRED. IT IS TIME TO WAKE UP THE SYSTEM AND  
25    START PROSECUTING THESE PEOPLE, THESE CASEWORKERS FOR STUFF





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1 THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE TO DO. THEY CAN'T BE CUTTING CORNERS  
2 AND NOT GOING FORWARD ON WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.  
3 THIS IS NOT THE FIRST CHILD. AND IT IS HARD TO SAY THEY WILL  
4 NOT BE THE LAST CHILD TO DIE IN THE CARE OF A CASEWORKER. THEY  
5 HAVE KILLED A YOUNG CHILD WHO COULD HAVE BEEN THE NEXT DR.  
6 KING, MALCOLM X, BARAK, GANDHI OR EVEN OUR NEXT CHAIRMAN. THIS  
7 YOUNG CHILD'S VOICE HAS BEEN SILENCED. WE WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT  
8 HE HAD TO ENDURE IN THE HANDS OF HIS MOTHER AND BOYFRIEND. THE  
9 CASEWORKER, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD ALL THE TOOLS THE STATE  
10 GIVES THEM TO MAKE SURE THE CHILD IS BEING PROTECTED. AND IF  
11 THEY CAN'T DO THE JOB, THEN SOMEBODY ELSE NEEDS TO TAKE OVER  
12 AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SITUATION. AND BASICALLY MY PLEA  
13 HERE IS TO BRING THAT SOCIAL WORKER OR CASEWORKER, WHATEVER  
14 THE TITLE IS, AND BE QUESTIONED BY THE PEOPLE TO TELL US WHY  
15 THEY FAILED THIS YOUNG CHILD WHO WAS KILLED AND COULD HAVE  
16 BEEN PREVENTED. THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
19 SIR. FINAL SPEAKER IS DENISE PAZ.

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21 **DENISE PAZ:** OKAY. I'M NOT HERE TO DO KARAOKE. I WANT  
22 EVERYONE'S ATTENTION BECAUSE I WILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE  
23 TORTURED LIKE GABRIEL FERNANDEZ WENT THROUGH WAS INHUMANE  
24 FRIDAY HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD IN PALMDALE. I'M SURE YOU ARE  
25 ALL AWARE OF IT, OKAY. HE WAS SHOT WITH BB GUNS IN HIS FACE,



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1 CIGARETTE BURNS, CROSS DRESSING HIM, DRESSING HIM LIKE A  
2 LITTLE GIRL FOR PUNISHMENT? BROKEN RIBS, FRACTURED HEAD  
3 INJURIES, COVERED WITH BRUISES AGAIN AND AGAIN THESE DAMAGES  
4 WERE REPORTED MULTIPLE TIMES BY NEIGHBORS AND MANDATE  
5 REPORTERS, TEACHERS, ET CETERA. THE CHILD WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD  
6 MAY 24, 2013 UNDER D.C.F.S. RESTRICTION. HOW DOES THAT MAKE  
7 YOU GUYS FEEL? WHY WAS THIS CHILD PLACED ON DEATH ROW AND  
8 DENIED ASYLUM? I'M HERE RELIGIOUSLY ASKING TO REFORM D.C.F.S.,  
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. THE  
10 NUMBERS ARE INCREASING. PLEASE AUDIT D.C.F.S. RECORDS TO FIND  
11 OUT WHY WAS THIS PROBLEM IGNORED? MY THEORY IS: BECAUSE LITTLE  
12 BOY GABRIEL AND SIBLINGS DON'T MEET THE ADOPTION MONEY BECAUSE  
13 OF THEIR AGE AND ARE NOT ADOPTABLE. SEVERAL NEIGHBORS AND  
14 TEACHERS COULD SUBSTANTIATE THE PHYSICAL ABUSE THAT THEY  
15 WITNESSED. THEY WERE CONCERNED BUT D.C.F.S. FAILED THESE  
16 CHILDREN. AS A NATURAL CORRESPONDENT OF A BIRTH MOTHER, I  
17 WOULD LIKE TO CROSS-EXAMINE THAT ROOKIE CASEWORKER WHO LET  
18 THIS KID TO DIE. RIGHT HERE IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
19 BECAUSE I WANT TO CHEW THEM UP. I'M TIRED OF THEIR SCAMS,  
20 THEIR MANIPULATION AND PUTTING EVERYTHING UNDER THE RUG. I AM  
21 SO TIRED OF IT. I HOPE YOU CAN SUMMON THAT WOMAN OVER HERE.  
22 DON'T MAKE IT CLOSED SESSION. MAKE IT PUBLIC. BECAUSE IF YOU  
23 GUYS DON'T, IT'S LIKE YOU GUYS ARE IN CAHOOTS WITH THIS AND I  
24 KNOW YOU GUYS AREN'T. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2    THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON OUR AGENDA TODAY.  
3    ONE FINAL POINT THAT'S WORTH CLARIFYING REGARDING PUBLIC  
4    COMMENT. THERE'S BEEN -- NOT PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT CLOSED  
5    SESSION WHICH HAS BEEN REFERRED TO IN TERMS OF D.C.F.S.  
6    REPEATEDLY WITH TEENS HAPPY HOMES. AND I THINK IT'S REALLY  
7    IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN THIS  
8    REGARD. I WANT TO ASK THAT COUNTY COUNSEL BE CLEAR ABOUT THE  
9    RECORD, NOT WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN ANY PUBLICATION BUT WHAT THE  
10    TRANSCRIPTS, OR THE TRANSCRIPT ITSELF SPEAKS TO. MR. KRATTLI,  
11    IF YOU WOULD.

12

13   **JOHN KRATTLI:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AT LAST  
14   TUESDAY'S BOARD MEETING, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ YOUR BOARD  
15   INTO CLOSED SESSION AS FOLLOWS: ITEM NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE  
16   WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO  
17   LITIGATION, ONE CASE. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 5  
18   FROM TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BE DISCUSSED UNDER THIS ITEM. AND  
19   THAT IS HOW THE TRANSCRIPT READS. SO THIS ITEM WAS MOVED LAST  
20   TUESDAY, EXCUSE ME, ITEM 5 WAS MOVED LAST TUESDAY INTO CLOSED  
21   SESSION AS I HAVE INDICATED BY READING THE TRANSCRIPT.

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND MEMBERS  
24   OF THE PUBLIC, IT SHOULD BE WELL-ESTABLISHED THAT NO SINGLE  
25   MEMBER OF THE BOARD MOVED THE ITEM INTO CLOSED SESSION. IT WAS



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1 AT THE INSTRUCTION OF COUNTY COUNSEL PURSUANT TO EXPOSURE TO  
2 SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE RECORD IS  
3 CLEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S READING OF THE  
4 MATTER. ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHERWISE ARE JUST SIMPLY  
5 ERRONEOUS AND NOT SUPPORTED BY THE FACTS. NO SINGLE MEMBER WHO  
6 WAS HERE DID SO. THE ADDITIONAL POINT TO BE MADE IS  
7 REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT ANY MATTER THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ON  
8 THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE HAVING DIED. THAT IS ALSO FACTUALLY  
9 INCORRECT. NO MATTER DIED. FINALLY, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT  
10 REPORTERS DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT,  
11 OTHERWISE THEY ONLY MISLEAD THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS THAT ARE  
12 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO THIS BOARD. AND THE BUSINESS OF  
13 PROTECTING CHILDREN IS NO ISSUE WITH WHICH ANYONE SHOULD  
14 TRIFLE. I THINK THE RECORD OUGHT TO REFLECT THAT AS IT DOES IN  
15 A FACTUAL WAY. AND WITH THAT, WE WILL ADJOURN FROM OUR PUBLIC  
16 SESSION AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND PROCEED TO THE BALANCE OF  
17 THE ISSUES BEFORE US. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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19 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** THIS WOULD ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
20 BOARD TODAY, AND WE WILL RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE  
21 11:30 SPECIAL MEETING.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
24 ATTENDANCE.



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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors May 28, 2013,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 31st day of May 2013, for the County records to be used only  
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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